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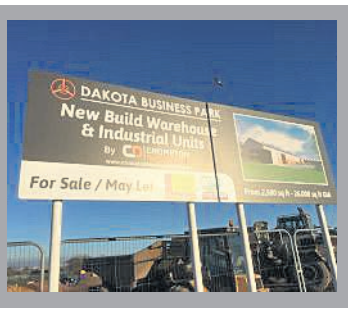

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FLOODS PUTTING PUPILS' LIVES AT RISK SAYS MUM

Concerned parent says youngsters forced to walk in busy road on route to schools to avoid 'rivers' of rainwater caused by blocked drains

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CONCERNED parent claims children's lives are being put at risk as a result of persistent flooding outside two local schools.

Mum-of-two Caroline Anfield says that pupils attending St Anne's Catholic Primary in Aughton Street and neighbouring St Bede's Catholic High School in St Anne's Road are regularly forced to walk along a busy road to avoid pools of water.

And although Lancashire County Council, the highways authority, did eventually clear the drains outside the primary school more than four weeks after Mrs Anfield's initial contact, she claims flooding will continue to be an issue in the surrounding area because she says it is caused by blocked drains on adjoining Prescot Road.

Mrs Anfield, a childminder whose own children both attend the primary school, told the Champion: "Every day when it rains we have to contend with a huge flooding problem right outside the primary school and on route to the nearby secondary school.

Youngsters walking in the road to avoid the flooding on Prescot Road.

"The water is so deep and covers the whole pavement causing children to have to cross at a very dangerous point or risk having soaking feet all day.

One of the blocked drains on Prescot Road photographed by Caroline Anfield.

"The primary children can't reach the lollipop lady on Aughton Street to safely enter the school, while I have witnessed teenagers walking up the length of the main road at rush hour to get to St Bede's.

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Man arrested in connection with fatal crash in Burscough bailed until December 27

A 26-YEAR-old man from Liverpool has been arrested in connection with a horrific car crash in which two young men were killed.

The fatal accident took place at around 4am on Wednesday, November 20 when a white Audi S1 collided with a wall before hitting a telegraph pole and a second wall in Moss Lane, Burscough.

The driver, 24-year-old Conner Stevens from Sefton, died at the scene.

Front seat passenger Luke Peaurt-Moran, 18, was taken to Aintree Hospital but later died from his injuries.

The Audi, along with a red Fiat 500 Abarth, had been stolen during a burglary at an address in the Towngate area of Eccleston. The Fiat Abarth was later recovered in Valley Close, Crosby,

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The 26-year-old was arrested on Thursday, November 28 on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, failing to stop at the scene of a collision and burglary.

He has since been bailed until December 27.

Luke and Conner's families have been informed and continue to be supported by specially trained officers.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 101 quoting incident reference 114 of November 20.

Alternatively they can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Progress made but improvement still required at trust

Report by **Henry James**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust 'Requires Improvement' according to a report by the Care Quality Commission following their latest inspection.

The CQC inspected urgent and emergency care, medicine, surgery, critical care, children and young people's services, end of life, sexual health services and outpatients services in July.

The report states that at the last inspection they had concerns over the storage of hazardous materials and "those concerns remain."

They also had concerns about the use of bed rails and "medicines that were passed their expiry date" and the way "controlled drugs were managed."

The report highlighted as well that there were concerns "regarding staff competencies and they "were not assured that the trust had oversight as to whether staff were competent."

However, bosses at the trust pointed out that improvements to care and leadership are recognised in the CQC report.

They also said that across many of the trust's services, the inspectors found staff to be kind, treated people with compassion and respected their privacy and dignity.

The trust add that the CQC said leaders were approachable, experienced and capable, and were helping staff to develop their skills.

There was active engagement between patients, staff and leaders alongside external stakeholders and equality groups to further develop collaboration and improve services.

The inspectors also praised:

- Outstanding practice in physiotherapy, including personalised rehabilitation plans for critical care patients.
- A teamwork approach in the A&E Observation Ward to patient care and rehabilitation and rapid assessment services.
- The plaster technicians' 'stop the pressure. initiative to reduce pressure ulcers with plaster casts.
- And creation of the Thoracic Wall Injury Support (Twist) service to reduce death and deterioration following discharge of elderly patients who have suffered rib fractures whose pathways had been recognised and shared nationally

Eight areas of inspection were rated as improving - six at Southport Hospital in urgent and emergency care, surgery and end of life care; and two in the children's and young people's services at Ormskirk. Sefton Sexual Health was rated "good."

Trust acting chief executive, Therese Patten, said: "This report reflects the significant progress the trust is making. While we recognise there is still much work to do, it also shows us on track to meet our ambition of being rated 'good' by 2020.

"I want to thank all our staff for their hard work that made these improvements to care possible."

Trust chair Neil Masom said the inspection team had remarked on how different the tTrust felt since their last visit in 2017. "I was also delighted to see the benefits of a more stable leadership recognised by the inspectors. "That stability has given the board the confidence to invest strategically and significantly in staffing and our estate, directing our resources to where they are most needed.

"This year these investments have included £1m to recruit more than 100 additional nursing staff and a £900,000 refurbishment programme of eight wards at Southport Hospital

"We will also invest a further £1.4m over the next 18 months in electronic prescribing and medicines safety."

Green light for plans to convert former Burscough Bridge railway station house into eight offices

THE former station house at Burscough Bridge railway station is to be made into offices after a conversion into a residential dwelling was found to be unsustainable.

Plans submitted to West Lancs Council to convert the Grade 2 listed building into eight offices were approved by the planning committee when it met on Thursday, November 28.

The planning application states that the former station house, which is situated on the Southport to Manchester railway line, was closed to the traveling public in 2005, with the building of an interchange on the opposite side of the line and subsequently converted into a residential dwelling.

However, it proved "unsustainable" as a residential dwelling and the property has been empty for some time.

Once occupied the applicant anticipates that about 23 new full-time jobs will be created by the new offices

A heritage assessment supplied by historic buildings consultant Garry Miller tells of how the station was built around 1855 by the Manchester and Southport Railway Company, which in 1885 became part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

The Tudor styling of the building, with its pointed-arched doorways, gables and transomed windows, is typical of the line and can be seen nearby on other stations such as Gathurst and on crossing keepers lodges at Lathom and Parbold.

"The Grade II designation of the former station house denotes it is a building of national importance for its special architectural and historic interest," he wrote, adding: "The significance of the station house is further enhanced by its trackside setting and by its group value with other contemporary railway buildings along this line."

Mr Miller recommended that the plans be approved, arguing that impact on its heritage value was low.

The plans were approved with conditions, including that all external brickwork and roofing materials shall be identical to those on the existing building in shape, size, colour and texture.

Burscough Bridge railway station house is to be converted into offices.

Mum says flooding on roads near to schools is putting pupils at risk

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"I rang the county council to highlight the issue and they said they already had records of the same problem. But I told them the real problem is that every drain up Prescot Road towards Aughton is filled with compacted dirt and leaves so none of them are working properly.

"This, in turn, causes a 'river' of water to run down the road to the lowest point outside the school. As a childminder I walk young children down the road every day and cars driving at speed through this 'river' cause a torrent of water to rise up and soak the children which is very distressing.

"Worse than that though, some youngsters are tempted to walk in the road to avoid a drenching putting lives at risk!"

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "We clean the drains on Prescott Road on an annual maintenance cycle and all of them were cleaned in May. We also respond as necessary if any need cleaning at other times, and have made at least four further visits this year to respond to particular issues, most recently in September.

"We would ask people to use the Report It tool on our website to let us know about issues such as blocked drains and we will inspect and clean the drains near the school as soon as we can."

At the time of going to press the schools have not responded to a request for comment.

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Borough council accused of disregarding HMS Ringtail heritage over title of new business park on site

Parish council and local historian say decision to use name of US plane that was never stationed at base is "embarrassing mistake"

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council has come under fire for pressing ahead with plans to name a new business park on the site of a former Second World War Royal Naval Air base after a plane that was never stationed there!

Led by local historian Michael Dawson, who has researched extensively and written a book about HMS Ringtail in Burscough, local residents and the parish council have said the site should be named after Royal Navy plane Seafire that was stationed there and not the RAF and US Air Force plane the Dakota which only made a handful of brief visits after the war.

Councillor Brian Bailey, chairman of Burscough Parish Council, says that the borough council had agreed to call the site the Seafire, after consultation with the parish council, but had reverted to the Dakota on the wishes of the developer, David Crompton, after he had obtained the evidence that the Dakota had arrived at the site after the war.

Councillor Bailey said: "I am extremely concerned that the history of the HMS Ringtail can be 'diluted' in this way just because of the developer's personal preference."

However, West Lancs Council's lead on planning, Councillor Dave Evans, said that Dakota is a well-known name and that Seafire would be used in the next stage of the development.

After hearing about the plans to approve the name Dakota, Michael Dawson wrote to the authority to express his disappointment.

He wrote: "I have been researching the history of HMS Ringtail for over 30 years and earlier this year published a book on the subject.

"The American-built Douglas Dakota DC3 transport aircraft was never used by the Fleet Air Arm (Royal Navy). The aircraft was used by the RAF on a lend/lease basis from the Americans as were many other aircraft during the Second World War.

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A sign has already been erected showing the name of the Dakota Business Park on Tollgate Road, Burscough.

"The Dakota did land at HMS Ringtail on five occasions that I know of and they were all after the end of the war."

Mr Dawson went on to claim that using Dakota as the name of the business park would be "a major embarrassment/insult" to the Royal Navy and the Royal Naval/Fleet Air Arm personnel that were stationed there during the Second World War.

He also claimed it would be embarrassing to Burscough and "a major embarrassment" to the borough council to allow "this dreadful error."

Our West Lancashire Councillor Ian Davis also criticised the decision. He said: "The naming of streets, business parks and the like is important in fostering community links and I and my OWL colleagues are dismayed that local sentiment was brushed aside without so much as an explanation."

However, Councillor Dave Evans, portfolio holder for planning, defended the decision. He said: "The Seafire was a carrier-based derivative of the Spitfire but unlike the Spitfire it was not a great success. It did prove its worth in The Battle of the Pacific destroying many Japanese Kamikaze planes.

"The Dakota is an iconic aircraft from World War Two and frequently flies with the Battle of Britain flight. As such, the name Dakota is known to the public. This development has some leisure use as well as industrial. The name Dakota should be easy to remember.

"However, the developer has stated that the next phase will be named after the Seafire.

"I would point out that the Dakota development will bring approximately 300 jobs of various types in a short period of time. Plus spin-offs in various other businesses in the area.

"As the cabinet member for planning the buck stops with me. I am also a Burscough councillor. I am committed to doing my best to ensure that sustainable development provides a wide range of job opportunities, coupled with housing that provides for families on different income levels throughout our borough."

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Sir Steve Webb and John Wyn-Evans (2nd and 3rd left) are pictured with Jon Landy and Angela Maher from Acumen.

Former Pensions Minister is keynote speaker at financial consultants' event

FORMER Pensions Minister Sir Steve Webb was the keynote speaker at an event in Burscough.

Sir Steve, one of the architects of the pension freedoms introduced by the Government, spoke about the changing pensions landscape and the associated opportunities and risks.

Currently director of policy at the financial services mutual Royal London, he was joined by John Wyn-Evans from Investec at the event organised by Burscough-based financial consultants, Acumen Financial Partnership.

Angela Maher, Acumen's managing director, said: "After 18 years in Parliament as an MP and five as a Government Minister, it was fascinating to hear about Sir Steve's experiences and of course his expert knowledge about pensions policy.

"Both speakers gave us an insight into their respective areas and how best to invest at a time of economic and political stress."

Sir Steve said: "It was great to meet the team from Acumen and discuss topical pensions issues with clients in what was a lively evening."

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Restaurateur and top judge to be honoured by Edge Hill

Nisha set to return to home town to receive honorary degree

A RENOWNED restaurant business owner from Ormskirk who used to ride her bicycle around Edge Hill University when she was a child will now return to the Ormskirk campus to pick up an honorary degree for her contribution to society.

Nisha Katona, founder, CEO and executive chef of Mowgli Street Food restaurants, will be made an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration at the university's winter graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 7.

She will be joined by Professor Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, a European Court of Human Rights judge, who will be given the title Honorary Doctor of Laws

Edge Hill says that both recipients are being recognised for their contributions to society which resonate with the university's values, teaching and research.

Nisha Katona, who was born in Ormskirk, is best known as a successful restaurateur, food writer and broadcaster, regularly appearing on television and radio as an entrepreneur, food and business expert.

Now 48, Nisha gave up a 20-year career as a barrister to open contemporary Indian restaurant chain Mowgli Street Food in 2014 with the aim of providing "real Indian food" which the company says is "a million miles away from the curry stereotype" and "extremely healthy, often vegan and always packed with fresh flavour."

Since then she has won a string of awards as well as being listed in The Sunday Times Fast Track 100 Businesses last year and being recognised with an MBE in the 2019 New Year Honours list for services to the Food Industry. The Sunday TimesFast Track 100 league table ranks Britain's 100 private companies with the fastest-growing sales over their latest three years.

Nisha Katona.

Judge Professor Paulo Pinto de Alberquerque.

About receiving the award, Nisha said: "It means so much to get the award from Edge Hill University, not least of all because it's my own home town and Edge Hill was where I used to ride my bike as a child.

"And it's beyond imagination that I am getting this pat on the back from my own home town for a business that I started with no experience, that thankfully has grown and I hope has become a bit of a blessing for the area."

Judge Professor Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque has been a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2011.

As an international judge, he has authored more than 150 opinions and has significantly contributed to the development of international human rights law.

He has also significantly contributed to strengthening Edge Hill's research profile in human rights law and is enabling the university to establish institutional links with courts at a national and international level.

Edge Hill's vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "The university is privileged to be awarding Nisha and Paulo with honorary doctorates alongside our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

"This is a wonderful occasion for everyone involved, made all the more special thanks to a visit from two such leaders in their fields. I hope our graduands will feel inspired by sharing this moment with them."

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Adam Dunning.

Pub group pledge to raise £6,000 in memory of young cancer victim Adam

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SERIES of themed quizzes are being held throughout December to raise funds in memory of a youngster from West Lancs.

Dominic Dunning, from Halsall, who works at The Sandpiper pub in Ormskirk Old Road, Bickerstaffe, lost his son Adam, aged just seven years, to cancer.

Their tragic loss prompted Dominic and his wife Sue to create the Adam Dunning Foundation with the aim of raising funds to help find a cure for the disease.

Now Stuart Mcintosh, general manager of The Hesketh Arms pub in Botanic Road, Churchtown, owned by the North West district of Vintage Inns, has revealed that the regional branch of the pub chain are aiming to raise £6,000 for the charity, which is very close to their hearts.

The themed quizzes will all be held at The Hesketh starting at 7pm on Monday nights.

There will be a Dr Who one on December 9; a Marvel quiz on December 16 and a Christmas themed night on December 23.

Challenge

All funds raised will be donated to the Adam Dunning Foundation and the pub chain hope to raise £6,000 for the charity over the next year.

They have already raised £1,420 by hosting collection tins at all of their 15 North West pubs and are in the process of organising a staff trip to complete the Three Peaks Challenge in May, 2020 with 17 members of staff signed up so far.

Adam Dunning was born on March 18, 2005 with a genetic heart condition and he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in June 2012.

He passed away just months later on October 15 and his heartbroken family - Sue, Dominic, Jack and Luke Dunning -set up the Adam Dunning Foundation to 'help in whatever way they can to find cures for all childrens' cancers in the hope that, in the future, no other family needs to live in the hell that they do because of this hideous disease.'

The quizzes are £2 per person to play. Winners will win gift vouchers to use at The Hesketh Arms.

For more information, or to book a place, call 01704 509548.

To find out more about the charity, search for the Adam Dunning Foundation on Facebook.

Village primary school wins prestigious international award

STAFF, governors and pupils at a village primary school are celebrating after winning a prestigious award.

Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints CE Primary has been awarded the British Council's International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education.

Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life in today's world.

All Saints'international work, led by teacher Erzsi Culshaw, includes annual exchange visits for Year Five and Six pupils with partner school, Hovstakolan in Sweden; Respect and Tolerance Day; Mexican Day; and Enterprise Day, where the children discover jobs with languages, and a French pen-pal scheme.

In addition, the school has already won two awards for its e-twinning programme, where pupils have worked across a variety of languages in sharing knowledge and ideas.

Chair of Governors, Gerallt Evans-Hughes, said: "This is an amazing testament to our teachers and students, made even more special with the news that we are only one of three schools that have been recognised in Lancashire."

Chief executive of the British Council, Sir Ciarán Devane, who presented the award, said: "The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms.

Chief executive of the British Council, Sir Ciarán Devane (centre) presents the award to All Saints' chair of governors, Gerallt Evans-Hughes and teacher Erzsi Culshaw. Picture by Mark Hakansson.

The award, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

It encourages and supports schools to develop an international ethos; a collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools; a year-round international activity; and the involvement of the wider community.

Lathom homes plan set for approval

OUTLINE planning permission for a new development of 130 houses in Lathom is set to be granted.

West Lancs Council's planning committee agreed to delegate the decision to the corporate director of place and community, Heidi McDougall, in consultation with the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee.

Ms McDougall has already recommended that the plans be approved.

Wainhomes and Jacton Properties propose to build 130 homes off Firswood Road, on formerly safeguarded land released for development by the Local Plan, with vehicular access taken off Firswood Road at a newly-formed junction.

The houses will be part of the wider Firswood Road residential development which saw Bellway Homes receive planning permission to build 94 homes in 2017.

Concerns had been raised by local residents regarding the use of Firswood Road, which they argued was a narrow country lane unable to cope with the extra usage in addition to traffic from the Bellway Homes development.

But Ms McDougall said in her report to the planning committee that the county's highways department had accepted the proposal in terms of safety and capacity and a further expert report also concluded there were no safety issues.

Another concern raised by residents about how the houses would connect to foul water drainage were also addressed.

Ms McDougall wrote: "The principle of a residential development in this location is acceptable and I am satisfied that a residential development is capable of being designed which does not cause significant harm to residential and visual amenity, and subject to conditions the proposed development is compliant with the Local Plan in respect of drainage, ecology and archaeology."

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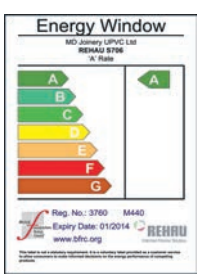

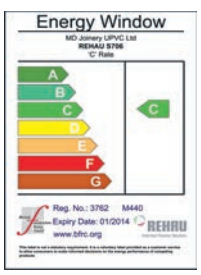

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Northern passengers urged to 'gen up' on new timetables

Train operator promising 'improved reliability and stability' following year of delays and cancellations

DO you know your new train times? That's the question Northern is asking its customers in the run-up to December's annual timetable change.

However, regular users of the company's services, including those on the West Lancashire Line from Southport to Wigan, Manchester and beyond, will be hoping that the new timetable proves to be more reliable than previous ones following another year of delays and cancellations.

Sunday, December 15 will see the introduction of new timetables across the Northern network - and the UK's entire railway - as part of annual plans to add new and improve existing services.

This year, Northern says it is focussing on delivering 'improved reliability and stability' having already introduced more than 2,000 extra services each week since the start of the franchise.

Chris Jackson, Regional Director at Northern, said: "Since 2016 we have introduced many new services in and around Merseyside and are recording more customer journeys than ever before. Our December timetable change this year gives us the opportunity to take another look at those services - as well as those of other operators in the region - and develop a timetable that gives our customers improved reliability.

Investment

"We continue to work closely with Network Rail and others in the industry to deliver plans that will give our customers the best possible service.

"But we need all customers to make themselves aware of the changes by checking ahead before any travel. All timetables are now available online via the Northern website and National Rail Enquiries."

Alongside the new timetables, Northern says it continues to introduce brand-new trains with more than 50 expected to be serving customers by the end of the year.

Two of Northern's new trains.

Chris added: "We already have 33 new trains out on the network and a further 20 will be introduced by the end of the year giving even more customers a step-change in their journey experience.

"Our new trains - which represent a £500m investment in rail in the north of England - are more spacious than our current vehicles and all feature wi-fi, air conditioning and at-seat charging. They are also fully accessible and feature live customer information screens.

"Our new trains have already completed more than two million customer journeys and, with a further 50 still to be introduced, Northern customers can look forward to more improvements in the weeks and months to come."

The new timetables will introduced on Sunday, December 15, with new weekday timetables going live on Monday, December 16. Customers can check the new timetables online via the Northern website or by visiting National Rail Enquiries.

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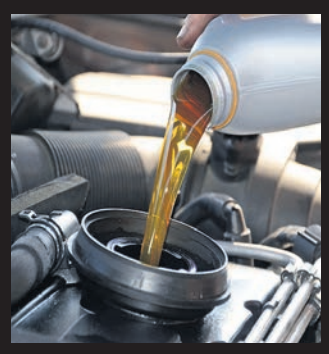

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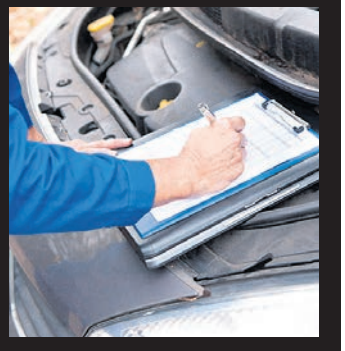

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Travellers on Merseyrail Ormskirk line join in first on-board exercise class

Passengers put down their mobile phones and newspapers to take part in campaign celebrating women in the physical activity workforce

A CAMPAIGN celebrating women in the sport and physical activity workforce, which also aims to inspire more women to join, teamed up with train operator Merseyrail to hold an exercise class with a difference as part of its 2019 Northern Tour.

The #PassOnYourPassion campaign, journeyed across the Lancashire-Merseyside border as travellers on the Ormskirk to Liverpool line were treated to the first on-board workout class ever to take place on the Merseyrail network.

Led by a female coach, the seated exercise class was designed to be inclusive and featured portable kit including resistance bands and a giant inflatable relay baton that was passed along the carriage as the train crossed the border, to represent the passion that the campaign is inspiring women to pass on.

Jayne Wilson, training and development manager for Active Lancashire , said: "During last week we toured Lancashire with the giant #PassOnYourPassion relay baton to ramp up awareness of the campaign and ultimately to encourage others to take up coaching or volunteering.

"This year we've been particularly focussing on women who are unemployed and volunteer their time to support others within the community. The response has been fantastic."

Speaking about the initiative, Teri Wainwright, Workforce support officer at MSP, the active partnership for Merseyside, said: "We know that only 30% of the coaching workforce in the UK is female. Women have so much to give and so much to get from working in the sport and physical activity sector, which is why we're so keen to back this campaign.

"We're excited to be 'running with the baton' this week across Merseyside and we'll be out presenting existing coaches with recognition certificates and promoting the #PassOnYourPassion message to inspire others."

Merseyrail's corporate social responsibility manager, Sally Ralston, added: "When MSP and Active Lancashire approached us about the idea of holding the on-board class to mark the handover we jumped at the chance.

"It was a perfect fit with our passion for giving people the chance to incorporate active travel into their journeys. It was also very timely, given that alongside our current support to help our staff feel the benefits of being more active we have part-funded the first-ever dedicated ground for women's football as the home turf for Merseyrail Ladies Football Club."

Passengers on the Merseyrail 'Exercise Special' from Ormskirk to Liverpool, organised as part of the #PassOnYourPassion campaign.

Lights switch-on event marks start of village's countdown to Christmas

RUFFORD village is gearing up for the festive season with a series of special events starting with the Christmas lights switch-on tonight (Wednesday, December 4).

Organised by Rufford Village Society, the switch-on will be performed at 7pm, near Church Road junction, with music provided by Hesketh Bank Silver Band and refreshments served in the church hall afterwards.

St Mary's Church fair will be held in Rufford Village Hall on Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4pm with a guest appearance by Father Christmas, many stalls, refreshments and a grand raffle.

The church will also be holding its Christmas tree event during December, when visitors will be are able to see trees creatively decorated by local businesses and organisations. The church will be open for viewing by the general public on Saturday, December 14, Sunday, December 15 and again on Saturday, December 21, between 1.30 and 3.30pm. And on Sunday, December 22, the historic church will hold its carol service starting at 6.30pm.

On Monday, December 23, Father Christmas will travel around Rufford and Holmeswood in his sleigh, from 5.45pm. Bringing back an old tradition, this is the start of a programme of events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary the Virgin, Rufford with Holmeswood Church.

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The TSB branch in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

TSB announces plan to close Derby Street branch next November

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE TSB has announced that it will close its Ormskirk branch in November of next year as part of a nationwide 'cull' aimed at saving £100m.

The Spanish-owned bank, which suffered major IT difficulties last year which left 1.9 million customers locked out of their accounts, will close 82 branches across the country in 2020.

In a comment to the Champion, the bank said that it chose to close its Ormskirk branch because just 31 people are regularly visiting the Derby Street site each week - the equivalent of six per day - due to the increased use of online and telephone banking and customers also using other branches.

The company says this means that there are extended periods where staff don't see a customer.

It added that customers can use the Post Office on nearby Moor Street as an alternative and that it is now focusing on ensuring that its customers, "especially the elderly and those who are most vulnerable to branch closures" receive the assistance they need to continue to access TSB banking services.

A spokesperson for TSB, said: "This decision was not taken lightly. However, nearly 80% of customers at the branch already use alternative TSB branches or use online, mobile, telephone banking or their local Post Office to access their banking services. We're in the process of writing to those customers impacted and our TSB Partners are always on hand to work with our customers to support them ahead of the planned closure."

TSB said that it will try to find alternative roles for the four staff who currently work at the branch. Other branches in Skelmersdale and Liverpool are unaffected by the closures.

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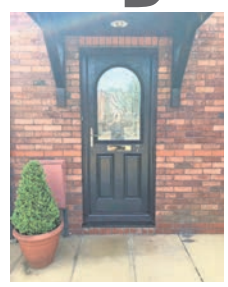

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Charity's campaign targets festive revellers

'Don't Drink and Drown' message to Christmas partygoers

FESTIVE drinkers in Lancashire are being urged to look after their friends on a night out after stats revealed the county has almost double the national percentage average for intoxicated drownings.

As part of the Royal Life Saving Society UK's national Don't Drink and Drown campaign (December 2 to 8) local revellers are being asked not to let any of their friends walk home alone and to watch the society's new film on YouTube at *www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1OgicnXr1U&t=3s* to see how easily a fun night out can turn into tragedy.

Latest statistics revealed 38 people have accidentally drowned in Lancashire over the last five years and a staggering 45% of these (17) were found to have had alcohol and/or drugs in their system, significantly higher than the national percentage average.

There were 1,458 accidental deaths in the UK between 2014-2018 and more than 30% of the victims had alcohol and/or drugs in their bloodstream. Many of them drowned because they walked home alone and fell in the water.

Laurence Hickin, RLSS UK Community Drowning Prevention Co-ordinator for the Lancashire area, said: "It's a sad truth that the number of drownings increase in the winter period, more often than not because of intoxication.

"Families, friends and whole communities are left devastated every year because someone walks home alone whilst under the influence and falls into the water.

"We're urging people to stay together on a night out. Make sure their friends get home safe and don't let them walk anywhere, especially near water, alone."

The Don't Drink and Drown campaign was launched in 2014 following a string of tragic drownings of young people. RLSS UK was keen to prevent more tragedies, by targeting at risk groups

The Royal Life Saving Society UK campaign urges friends to stick together on a night out.

in hot spot areas, at particular points in the year where alcohol-related drowning incidences increase - September (at the start of the new university term) and December (during the festive period).

As part of the campaign, organisations up and down the country promote water safety messaging and run awareness activities urging revellers to take care near water whilst under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Stay Safe this Christmas campaign includes the following messages:

- Don't walk home near water, you might fall in.
- Look out for your friends, make sure they get home safely.
- Don't enter the water if you have been drinking.
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County constabulary earns top marks for promoting diversity, equality and inclusion

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has been ranked 12th in The Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers List featuring UK-based organisations that promote inclusion across all protected characteristics, throughout each level of employment within an organisation.

The constabulary is the highest ranking police force and public sector organisation which entered the awards and bosses said the ranking recognition of the force's "continued dedication to workplace diversity."

Demonstrating the promotion of all strands of diversity including age, disability, gender, LGBT, race, faith and religion, the list focuses on representation at management, senior, executive and board level.

Compiled by a dedicated panel of judges, organisations featured have provided sufficient evidence on an amalgamation of topics including recruitment procedures, training and a host of diversity-related initiatives.

The Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers List recognises the outstanding efforts of organisations that have begun their journey to attracting and retaining a truly diverse workforce, achieving equality, diversity and inclusion at its purest form.

"Delighted" - Deputy Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary, Terry Woods.

Lancashire Constabulary's position reflects the high standard to which they operate. As well as addressing areas of improvement, the constabulary was judged to have "developed and delivered high impact initiatives to actively implement solutions" and has been recognised for continuous dedication to diversity, equality and inclusion.

Deputy Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary, Terry Woods, commented: "I am absolutely delighted that our strong focus on diversity and inclusion has been so highly commended by The Inclusive Top 50 Companies Award judges.

'Vital'

"A huge amount of commitment and hard work across the organisation is reflected in this award, particularly by our staff associations, workforce representation team and inclusion leads.

"Equality and inclusion is absolutely vital to us as we strive to keep our communities safe and feeling safe - we can only be effective in that if our workforce is truly reflective of the communities we serve.

"We have more work to do in this area and I challenge every member of the constabulary to think about what they can do to make us an even more inclusive organisation."

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Members of the Rainbow Hub team at the Ice Ball which raised more than £46,000 for the charity.

Charity unveils new name at bumper fundraising event

OFFICIALS of a charity which supports children and young people with physical and neurological disabilities unveiled a new name at its 'coolest' fundraising event of the year.

The Ice Ball, held at The Villa country house restaurant and hotel in Wrea Green, raised more than £46,000 for the newly-rebranded Rainbow Hub (formerly Rainbow House) in Mawdesley.

The rebranding was unveiled to guests at the ball and will be followed by an official launch event in the New Year.

It follows months of discussions and research which showed that Rainbow House was often confused with children's hospices and respite centres.

Chairperson of the trustees, Pauline Clare, said "We feel that Rainbow Hub is a name which fits and reflects our work on many levels. The messages in the campaign highlight things taken for granted by many of us but which represent big steps for our children.

"This change will not alter the services we currently offer but will allow us to expand and move forward with confidence to exciting times ahead."

Guests at the event enjoyed a three-course dinner followed by entertainment from Zanda Magic, the Rock Choir and the highlight of the evening, The Boyz.

Fantastic

Among some fantastic prizes on offer in the auction were an executive Box at Preston North End FC; two-night London break; luxury villa break in Spain; fine dining in your home for eight; Gleneagles winter escape; caviar and a fabulous piece of original artwork entitled 'Over the Rainbow' created by the children at the Rainbow Hub with the help of artists, James and Antony Hunter.

And one lucky guest, Alison Houghton, won a white gold diamond necklace which she kindly donated back to be auctioned raising £750.

Prizes in an interactive silent auction, where guests could bid on iPads on the tables, included pantomime tickets, signed sports memorabilia, theatre tickets, hotel and glamping packages, flying lessons, a bungee jump and a gin master class.

Carole Cochrane, chief executive of Rainbow Hub, said: "Our thanks go to our sponsors, Preston North End and Ambrose Hire; Par Group for the Ice Sculpture, together with the entertainers and everyone who has donated prizes and their time.

"The evening was a great success and special thanks go to all the guests for helping raise such a fantastic amount. It will make a tremendous difference as we move forward to expand our work and become a centre of excellence for the children and young people who benefit from the unique combination of services we offer."

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Parliament at fault for devising 'flawed' Brexit Referendum

THE Brexit Referendum was fundamentally flawed.

Firstly, there was no prospectus for Brexit (in contrast to the Scotland Independence Referendum accompanied by a document containing hundreds of pages of analysis).

Secondly, the Referendum was not drawn up to take into account of the situation in Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement, which has proven to be the central problem with Brexit over the last three years.

Parliament can be very much criticised for devising a flawed referendum. The conduct of the referendum on both sides was also of concern.

Recently, Switzerland's supreme court overturned a national Swiss referendum on how couples pay tax, on the grounds that the information given to voters was insufficient.

Using this approach, the grounds for an annulment of the Brexit Referendum would be even stronger, we would then have to start again with a properly drawn up referendum.

If we were to end up in a 'No Deal' situation (this could still happen), there would be a strong chance of a judicial rejection of a 'No Deal' because of glaring conflicts with the Good Friday Agreement - an international legally binding agreement lodged with the United Nations.

The forthcoming election (the most important in decades) provides an opportunity to democratically reassess everything. We should avoid being fobbed off with simple constantly repeated mantras like 'Get Brexit Done'.

JR, Tarleton.

Please spare a thought for our homeless veterans this Christmas

AS we look forward to the festive period and temperatures continue to drop, we must spare a thought for those who have served our country but find themselves homeless.

Research shows around 300-400 veterans end up on the streets every year, and up to 4,000 require urgent support to find accommodation.

Under the Armed Forces Covenant, veterans have access to enhanced housing support, but far too many still fall through the gaps and miss out on this.

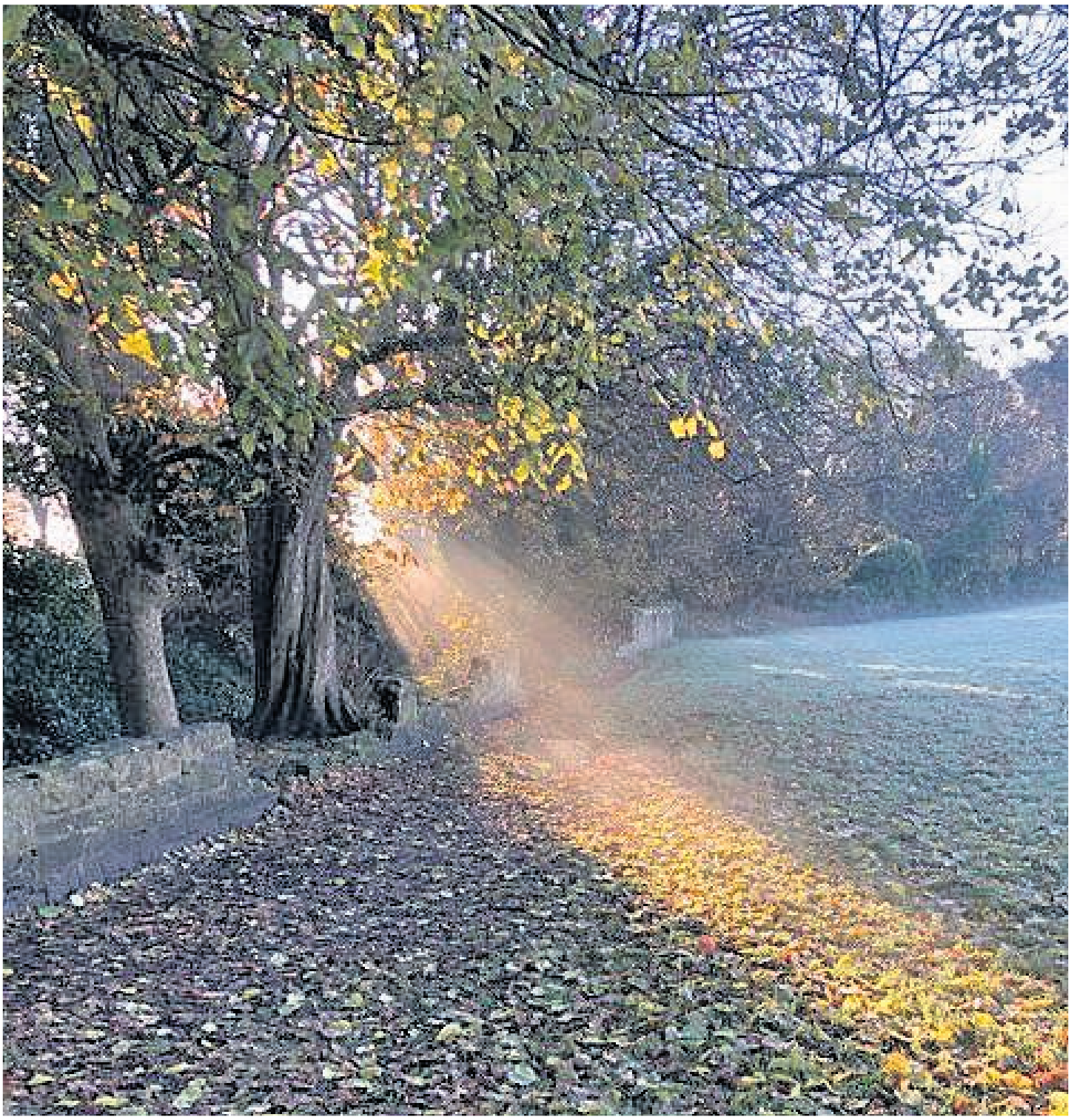
The No Homeless Veterans campaign (www.nohomelessveterans.org.uk), funded by the Forces in Mind Trust, calls on local authorities, homelessness charities and advice agencies to 'Think Veteran' when people approach them in housing need, in order to effectively identify former servicemen and women and channel them through to the best possible support.

The fact that this Christmas there will be veterans sleeping in inappropriate accommodation, in hostels and on the streets, is unacceptable.

By working with local authorities and providing a clear pathway to housing, we can put an end to this and make sure no veteran is without a home at Christmas.

Ed Tytherleigh, co-chair of the Confederation of Service Charities Housing Cluster.

PICTURE of the week



AS temperatures drop and autumn gives way to winter, this photo submitted by reader David Shaw, and captioned 'Autumn Morning', cleverly captures a shaft of sunshine penetrating the trees in Ormskirk's Coronation Park.

If you would like to forward a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief caption details to accompany your photographs.

Although we are unable to publish ALL the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and very much appreciate your contributions.

Move the smokers and vapers *not* the taxi drivers!

IN response to the letters regarding the Hackney Cabs exhaust fumes (Champion, November 13 & 20).

I am in agreement with the taxi drivers. I would rather smell their fumes than have to go out the doors and walk through the cigarette smoke and vape fumes that smell worse.

The taxi drivers are doing a service for us. In this weather they need to keep warm so they need engines to be kept running otherwise if they go off ill then it has a knock-on effect on public transport.

So how about moving the smokers/ vapers away from the entrance/exit and leave the drivers alone.

Clare D., by email

Every parent should know about funding crisis in our schools

THE funding crisis in our schools is a scandal.

I am a secondary school teacher and this is really affecting me. One of my big concerns is the level of cuts to school funding and the terrible impact that this will have on our young people and their future education.

I am shocked that 529 of 564 schools in Lancashire will be worse off next year than they were in 2015.

This isn't good enough. Britain is one of the richest countries on earth. We should be able to fund our children's schools properly.

James H., by email.

Plea to 2020

We approach our new year
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as we reflect back onto 2019.
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Homelessness lurking,
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Whilst the few, with much stealth
protect closely their wealth,
can real hope for the many arrive?

But for those of us coping
please, let's carry on hoping
that soon, we can all share in the plenty.
So, roll out this year
let our needs be quite clear
as we welcome for us ALL, 2020.

Judy Ingman, Aughton.

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Animal sanctuary team bidding to woo Co-op shoppers

THE team at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary are "delighted" that their Outreach Programme has been chosen to benefit from a national supermarket chain's community fund.

The sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood has been chosen for the Co-op Local Community Fund, which allows members to select a charity to donate their 'rewards' to whenever they shop.

Sally McDerby, from Woodlands said: "We would like to extend and expand our outreach work in the community to engage with more people of all ages and backgrounds. Our aim is to educate and inform children and adults, about how to care for both pets and native wildlife.

"The team also visits care and nursing homes to provide stimulation and interest to patients, particularly those with dementia.

"We work with local special needs schools to offer volunteering opportunities to young people, such as students with autism. We also provide volunteering opportunities to people of all ages with mental health issues.

"We will be looking to Co-op members to help us raise vital funds, to support the development of this scheme. When a member buys selected products or services from the Co-op they earn a 5% reward for themselves, with a further 1% for a cause of their choice.

"Co-op members can choose a cause to support by going online at coop.co.uk/membership. If you're not a Co-op member and would like to support Woodlands you can join at your local store or online."

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Tony Marriot (centre) pictured with Neil Farrell and Collette Collins during his visit to West Lancashire College.

Top salon boss to help college's hairdressing students get head start on career path

BOSSES at West Lancashire College were delighted to welcome Tony Marriott, owner of Headlines Hair, into college with the aim of helping to ensure their professional hairdressing courses continue to meet the highest industry standards.

During his visit Tony, who has trained thousands of hairdressers over the years, worked alongside Collette Collins, the college's head of Learner Experience and Neil Farrell, curriculum manager, sharing his experiences and expectations from the hairdressing industry point of view.

Tony highlighted that excellent customer service, a good attitude, excellent presentation and effective communication are equally as important as the technical skills required to become a hairdresser and that the college should focus on developing these essentials alongside qualifications so that students have the complete skill set required.

Expectations

He said: "The college's commercial salons are a brilliant facility and I very much look forward to working with Collette and Neil to ensure West Lancashire College hairdressing students graduate with the appropriate skills aligned to industry expectations."

With employers seen as key to shaping qualifications so that when students qualify they are industry-ready, the college says it aims to link students to future careers by working alongside employers to help them to create a work-ready pipeline.

Collette Collins added: "We are delighted to welcome Tony as a supporter of our Professional Hairdressing provision, and as a leading practitioner in the North West. We look forward to developing our partnership further so that we can give West Lancashire College hairdressing graduates the competitive edge in this creative industry."

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Winter Warm Scheme reminder

WEST Lancs Council is reminding homeowners that funding is still available for free repairs or replacements for heating appliances as part of its Winter Warm Scheme.

Under the scheme, funded by Lancashire County Council, owner-occupiers in the borough can have their gas heating appliances repaired free of charge to help keep them warm. Gas boilers can also be replaced, subject to certain conditions.

The scheme is available to qualifying owner-occupiers who are on low income and who do not have a plan in place that covers boiler repairs. A member of the household must also have one of various health conditions, or be less than five years old or older than 65.

To check if you are eligible go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/winterwarm or call 01695 585279 quoting the West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme.

Eligible homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Tenants who have any issues with their heating appliances should report them to their landlords. More general advice on how to stay warm this winter can also be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/winter.

Patients urged to use NHS 111 service

Health officials advise ringing dedicated phone line for urgent but non life-threatening medical concerns

LOCAL health officials are urging West Lancs residents with urgent but non life-threatening medical concerns to use the NHS 111 service this winter.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group is supporting the national 'Help Us, Help You' campaign, focussing on different services over winter, including NHS 111.

NHS 111 is operated by fully-trained advisers 24 hours a day, seven days a week who will listen to your medical concerns and, if necessary, arrange for you to speak to relevant healthcare professionals, such as a nurse, doctor or emergency dentist.

You can access the service by dialling 111 or online at www.111.nhs.uk.

Dr John Caine, a local West Lancashire GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "When you or a loved one falls ill, you want to be able to speak to someone fast. By calling NHS 111 you will be put straight through to a trained healthcare professional, who can offer support and advice and direct you to the right care - be that your local pharmacist, walk-in centre or GP - so that we can help us to help you get better fast."

If you think you need urgent medical help, call 111 or visit www.111.nhs.uk. To find out what services are available in West Lancashire, visit the NHS West Lancashire CCG website at westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/.

Dr John Caine: "Trained healthcare professionals will offer support and advice."

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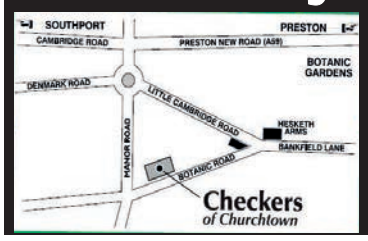

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‘Hidden costs’ of fly-tipping warning

AN agricultural expert is warning of the hidden financial and emotional cost of fly-tipping after it was revealed 112,069 incidents were reported to North West councils in the last 12 months - including 1,212 in West Lancashire.

According to Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) statistics, 277 of such incidents in the North West took place on agricultural land.

But Tony Laking, of Farmers and Mercantile Insurance Brokers (FMIB) said this figure doesn’t reflect the full scale of the problem for the region’s farmers, as most cases on private land go unreported - with victims left to foot the clean-up bill.

He said: “Councils spend millions every year on clean-up costs but private land-owners, such as farmers, are suffering in silence with little or no assistance or recourse.

“The burden of dumped rubbish is falling squarely with farmers as they are liable for clearing it up at their own expense, or face prosecution. Moving the mess on to public land will not solve the issue, but exacerbate it. In one incident we encountered, a farmer was unwittingly branded a fly-tipper after falling victim to the crime.

“After finding tyres dumped over his hedge, he moved them on the other side of the hedgerow and informed the authorities.

“Although the waste was collected, he was slapped with a prosecution order for fly-tipping!”

Tony added that there are a number of preventative steps farmers can take to deter would-be fly-tippers.

“Ensure that fields, particularly those by the roadside, are secure, with locked gates where possible and create physical barriers, such as earth mounds, boulders and tree trunks, around the perimeter so that vehicles cannot gain access.

“Fly-tippers don’t wish to draw attention to themselves so ensure good visibility, by cutting back hedges and installing exterior lighting in strategic areas.

“If you witness someone fly-tipping, do not approach them as this can pose a safety risk.

“If you fall victim to a fly-tipping incident, be cautious, as the waste could be potentially hazardous. Thousands of incidents reported this year included asbestos, clinical, and chemical waste.

“Secure the waste, so that animals and the public are not exposed to potentially dangerous material, and also to discourage further fly-tipping. Record as much detail as possible, take photos and report the incident to your local council.

“Finally, and most importantly, make sure that any rubbish dumped on your land is disposed of properly. Only use reputable, registered waste companies and if you take the waste to a licensed waste site yourself, make sure you are registered as a waste carrier.”

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Festive boat trip scuppered by my battalion of woes

HAVE you ever felt that things were simply getting on top of you? Too many difficult and complicated things trying to happen at once? Well for me, they are.

Poor old Tina is in the wars - again - though at least this time her problems are not life-threatening, so that’s one comfort. No, this time I noticed a swelling on her nose, just beneath the left eye. Immediately I suspected trouble with a back tooth and a visit to the vet confirmed my suspicion that she had an abscess, though what I hadn’t guessed was that she had a similar though smaller problem on the other side as well.

Anyway, she was booked in for minor surgery and though successful in itself, the larger abscess left a sort of passageway linking her nose to her mouth which might or might not heal itself.

Meanwhile, Tina is behaving quite normally so - touch wood (and I am!) - all should now be well.

The really odd thing is that while she had those bad teeth she was still keen to eat biscuits which truly amazed me. The vet again pointed to dogs being more able to conceal pain than we are, but agreed that Tina is a tough old dog, hopefully with a long life ahead of her.

But ‘when sorrows come they come not single spies but in battalions’ (to quote Shakespeare).

I have for some time been meaning to get my home cleared of all the accumulated detritus so that I could have it rewired throughout. All my household electrical, from the stone-age fuse box to the ancient (and defective) wiring throughout the place badly needs fixing and I had just started the process of getting it all done when Tina’s problems raised their heads.

All in all, with both Tina and Cinders to look after and consider while all this is going on, plus still trying to cook hot food for the three of us and go out actually to buy it, I see problems, big problems, ahead. Still, once everything both canine and household are truly sorted, the world should be a far better place for me.

One casualty of the present goings-on though is a three-quarters laid plan to spend Christmas on my boat, *Manxman* has effectively been scuppered. Which is a shame because I had kind of worked myself into the idea. Apparently, several boat owners (and indeed boat hirers) do spend a few days over the Christmas period on the river and it was an idea that my late brother George and I had kicked around for several years without ever quite plucking up the courage to try it.

This year though I had got as far as arranging transport from Norwich station to my home boatyard and was planning what kind of festive lighting the electrical system of *Manxman* could sustain. Indeed I had more or less decided that the trip should go ahead before I get too old to look with reasonable equanimity to the possibility of ice, fog and/or gale force winds and flooding.

Anyway, for the present at least it is an idea which I can fish out again this time next year when at least the problems of home and dogs should be well and truly sorted.

I had even got so far this year with my plans to have bought a nice little (artificial of course) Christmas tree, complete with its own lights, to put in the cockpit window. It has long been one of my Christmas practices to buy at least one new Christmas decoration each year. Last year I obtained a cute little Polar Bear which mysteriously changes colour (and no, it doesn’t appear to have any moving parts, at least none that I can see). In fact, I was so enamoured of it that I bought a second bear for some very good friends of mine who are similarly puzzled as to how it works.

You will have noticed no doubt that I have stalwartly avoided any mention of General Elections or indeed Brexit for some time. I reckon that my second-hand opinions (though probably as valid as most press and TV pundits) would not increase the volume of human happiness one jot - and surely human happiness is one thing that this time of year is all about?

Georgina on Orrell Lane, Burscough where she says people are flouting the parking regulations.

Thoughtless drivers forcing Georgina to do the 'walk of pain'

Disabled 61-year-old say motorists flouting parking rules are making her life a misery

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A DISABLED woman who moved to West Lancashire from London only last year says she is already contemplating selling up because of "thoughtless" motorists constantly flouting the parking rules outside her home.

Georgina Wheeler has a 'complete collapsed ankle' - caused by a stretched or inflamed tendon which stops the foot rolling over - making it painful for her to walk any distance, even with the aid of the walking stick she has to use.

But the 61-year-old says she is regularly forced to leave her car some distance from her home in Orrell Lane, Burscough as drivers visiting the nearby town centre constantly park there and flout the restrictions limiting a stay to two hours between 8am and 6pm - despite there being two free car parks in the area.

She is then faced with a painful walk home and although she accepts that, given the location, parking places would still be at a premium, she claims that motorists ignoring the rules make the situation much worse.

Ms Wheeler, who moved to West Lancs to be closer to family, did apply to Lancashire County Council for a disabled bay, as she had in London, but that was refused.

"With my Blue Badge I can park outside for ever and a day but my beef is with people who do not live here leaving cars for much longer than the two hours that's allowed - I've even seen one parked there from Monday to Saturday!

"It is impacting on me. Instead of going out and getting on with life, I think 'do I really need to go out today?'

"I am thinking of putting the house up for sale. I am absolutely fed up.

"The parking rules are being totally abused. The people who do it are just thoughtless."

Ms Wheeler added that she has contacted her local county councillor about making the whole road for parking permit holders only,

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "The two-hour waiting restrictions on parts of Orrell Lane are in place to encourage turnover of parking throughout the day for people visiting local businesses, and does not operate after 6pm to allow residents to park overnight.

"There is no provision within the bay outside Ms Wheeler's home to restrict parking to residents' vehicles only. However, Blue Badge holders are not restricted to the two-hour parking limit.

"We do provide residential disabled parking bays to help drivers who can't walk a significant distance, however these can't be considered where there is an existing parking restriction in place.

"Our enforcement officers visit this location when they are in the area to deter people from overstaying, and will prioritise Orrell Lane following the concerns raised.

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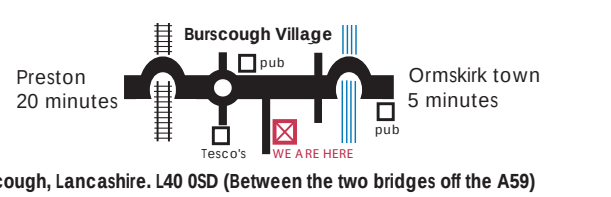

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Brexit candidate's bigoted social media comments revealed

Report by **Henry James**

THE Brexity Party candidate for West Lancasire in the General Election, Marc Stanton, has apologised for a series of offensive comments on social media about Jewish people, Muslims and women.

The racist and sexist comments, posted in 2014, were revealed by the totalcitizen blog.

In one post on a Facebook account the former Edge Hill University lecturer wrote: "See the BNP are right" in response to a spoof website story about Muslims, while another stated: "It would appear that wearing headscarves or burkas does not stop you being gang raped and hung from a tree."

Referring to Egypt he said the country "should be avoided at all costs and left to rot in the Middle Ages" adding "they are not acceptable to the rest of the world."

In another 2014 post he wrote: "Having just watched the latest news from Gaza I can't say I am a fan of fanatical Islam but I sure as hell am antisemitic now."

And he added: "Of course, I could not possibly express an opinion but one could perhaps understand why some people might feel that the Israelis learnt their lesson well 60 years ago about genocide and oppression. The student should not always follow the teachings of the professor."

Brexity Party candidate in West Lancs Marc Stanton.

Mr Stanton also made derogatory comments about women.

Responding to the revelations, Marc Stanton said: "It has been brought to my attention that I have used some appalling language on my private Facebook page in the past. I regret wholeheartedly using such language and realise that it will have offended some people. For this, I apologise.

"The comments were made years ago, at the end of a tiring day, and on a private account. I made a mistake and condemn such language and all forms of bigotry.

"One comment, however, was clearly sarcastic. I posted a link to an article on the satirical website NewsThump mocking stories linking Hala meat to radicalism, with the comment, 'see, the BNP are right.' I was clearly mocking racists like the BNP here, not in any way backing them.

"My grandmother was Jewish and so being part-Jewish myself, I find it strange that I am being accused of being anti-Semitic and Islamophobic at the same time. I have always endeavoured to treat everyone of whatever background equally.

"It would seem that some of my Facebook posts from several years ago have been taken out of context and in a selective manner for the purpose of trying to cause me a problem.

"I do object to radicalism and extremism from any religion or ideology. Some of my criticism of extremism was strongly worded and I apologise if it was perceived as offensive to Muslims. I object to journalists being arrested by Egypt, just as I object to civilians being targeted by military forces.

"I also object to demeaning language used against women and regret if some of my comments were read in this way."

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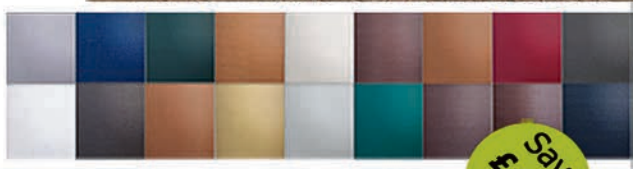

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Still time - just! - to sign up for Santa Sprint in aid of Queenscourt

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The raffle, which has a top prize of an ex-demonstration Suzuki Celerio worth almost £8,000 donated by Chapelhouse Southport, will be drawn at the Santa Sprint on Sunday, December 8.

The event has raised more than £90,000 over the past nine years and there is still time - just! - to sign up and join the crowds on the day for some festive, fundraising fun.

Queenscourt Hospice needs to raise more than £4million every year to continue its work on behalf of patients with serious illnesses in West Lancs, Southport and Formby and relies heavily on fundraising events such as these to generate income.

This year there will be 3K and 5K routes, suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs and buggies and participants can also bring dogs too.

Everyone taking part will receive a Santa Suit to wear and a medal, complimentary hot drink and mince pie at the finish line.

The Santa Sprint, which is being sponsored by the Silcock Leisure Group, will start at Southport Pier and see runners make their way around the Marine Lake.

Entry costs £20 for adults; £10 for under-16s or £50 for a family of two adults and two children. You can sign up at queenscourt.org.uk/santasprint, call 01704 517420 or email fundraising@queenscourt.org.uk. Raffle tickets can also be bought at £1.

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TIP #1

START A CONVERSATION

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TIP #2

DON'T BLAME THE VICTIM

Being on the receiving end of harassment, discrimination or sexism is never ok. If it is safe to, call out the person choosing to be disrespectful

TIP #3

DIVERT ATTENTION

Saying nothing says something, so if you feel uncomfortable with the way someone is talking to you, or the subject matter, you could say something like "Let's not go there... Did you watch Riverdale last night?"

TIP #4

SUPPORT THE VICTIM

Check if the victim of harassment, bullying, abuse or disrespect is ok. The action can empower and support the victim and sends a message to the offender that the behaviour is unacceptable

TIP #5

FOCUS ON THE BEHAVIOUR

It's more beneficial to point out that behaviour isn't acceptable or okay, rather than suggesting that someone is being sexist, racist or homophobic.

TIP #6

APPEAL TO PEOPLES BETTER INSTINCTS

If you hear something that's unacceptable to you, you could say "I know you're a respectful person, so I'm surprised to hear you say that."

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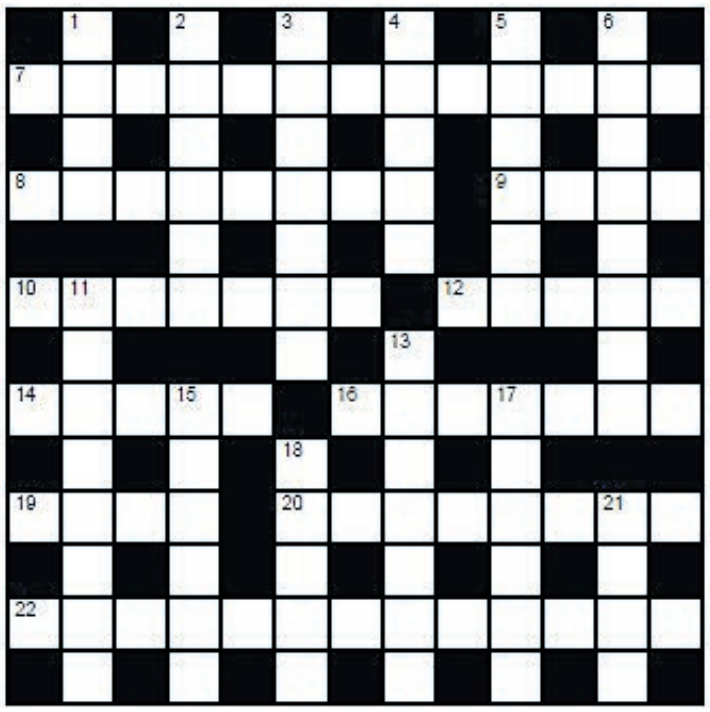

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Down: 1. Shiner. 2. Stow. 3. Jollity. 4. Hefty. 5. Rephrase. 6. Peseta. 12. Vascular. 14. Biofuel. 16. Inhale. 18. Floppy. 19. Sober. 21 Dock.

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8. Machine for applying a combination of heat and pressure to give a smooth surface to paper (3, 5)
9. A mound or ridge of sand or other loose sediment formed by the wind (4)
10. Inspiring or deserving affection (7)
12. Not moving or making a sound (5)
14. A feeling of deep anxiety or dread (5)
16. Within a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle (7)
19. The physical structure, including the bones, flesh, and organs, of a person or an animal (4)
20. Intermittently (2, 3, 3)
22. Biblical reference to God as the beginning and the end of all things (5, 3, 5)

DOWN

1. Unarmed combat sport derived from ju-jitsu (4)
2. An imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect (6)
3. By a very large or sudden amount (7)
4. The trunk of the human body (5)
5. Being surrounded by something (6)
6. Resembling or consisting of small grains or particles (8)
11. Acts that harm your own interests (3, 5)
13. Awkward, clumsy (7)
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Hillsborough match commander cleared of manslaughter

Report by **Tom Martin**

DAVID Duckenfield, the match commander on the day of the Hillsborough disaster, has been found not guilty of gross negligence manslaughter at a retrial.

After a seven-week trial at Preston Crown Court, the jury deliberated for three days before returning their conclusion last Thursday (November 28).

They found Duckenfield not guilty on the charge of manslaughter by gross negligence of 95 of the 96 men, women and children who lost their lives as a result of the events at the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15, 1989.

Due to the law in 1989, the former chief superintendent was not charged with the manslaughter of Tony Bland, because he died more than a year and a day after the disaster occurred.

Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, who has a close connection to a lot of the Hillsborough families, described the verdict as a "huge disappointment."

He added: "In recent years they had to relive the events of that day by sitting through the longest inquest in British legal history, followed by two trials. The toll that it has taken on their health and wellbeing, in addition to losing their loved ones, is unimaginable and the whole city shares their pain."

Criminal charges in relation to the Hillsborough disaster were brought in June 2017 following the investigations of the Independent Police Complaints Commission and Operation Resolve, which were launched after the publication of the Hillsborough Independent Panel report in September 2012 and the subsequent quashing of the original inquest verdicts.

Former Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield who has been found not guilty of gross negligence manslaughter after a seven-week trial at Preston Crown Court.

New inquests into the tragedy began in 2014 and an historic determination of unlawful killing in relation to each victim was returned in April 2016.

Earlier this year, Graham Mackrell, the Sheffield Wednesday club secretary at the time of the disaster, was found guilty of failing to take reasonable care to have sufficient turnstiles available for the match and fined £6,500.

Three other men - former South Yorkshire Police chief superintendent Donald Denton, former SYP detective chief inspector Alan Foster, and the force's then-solicitor Peter Metcalf - are scheduled to stand trial on charges of perverting the course of justice next year.

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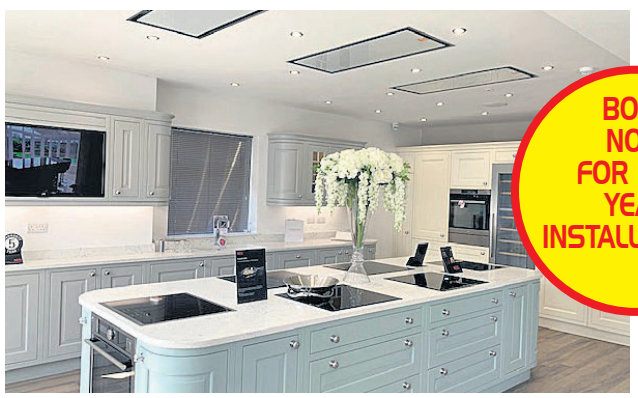

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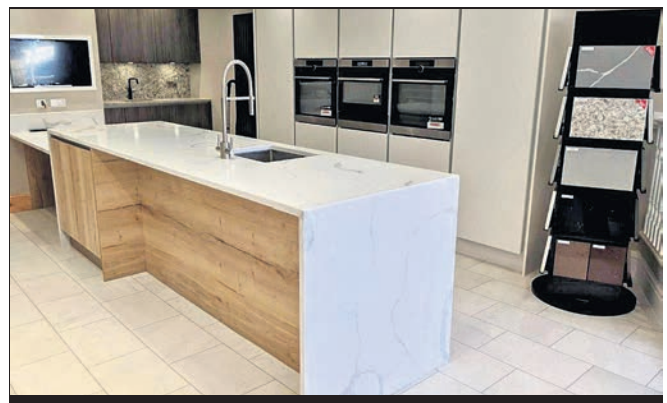

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Young divers make a splash at Irish championships

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Star of the show was 15-year-old Leon Ferra who took first place in his age category.

As well as smashing his personal best with consistent high scoring across his whole dive list, Leon pushed his limits by including a two-and-half somersault dive in the pike position from the three-metre springboard.

Meanwhile, 12-year-olds Evie Grimes and Emma Oxton both did the club proud in their age category, coming 16th and 10th respectively and showing great control on the three-metre springboard.

Fellow 12-year-old Ryan Ferra also had a great competition, finishing fifth and missing out on a medal by just six points.

And last but not least, seven-year-old Sasha Roberts (7) finished eight in the youngest age group demonstrating some solid skills on the one-metre springboard and poolside.

The divers have been training hard over the past few months at their home pool, Nye Bevan, Skelmersdale and head coach, Carlos Ferra was delighted with their efforts.

Quiz night in aid of village community centre project

THE Friends of Hesketh Bank Community Centre will be hosting a quiz night on Saturday, December 7 to help raise funds for its redevelopment project.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, tickets are £5 and guests can bring their own refreshments.

For tickets call Suzanne Wilson on 01772 816003 or Mike Ellis on 07513 910919.

For more information about the redevelopment plans call 07784 942127 or email info@heskethbank-communitycentre.org.uk.

County's knitters click into action for Age UK campaign

VOLUNTEER knitters in Lancashire have once again clicked into action to support Age UK's Big Knit campaign.

During the past year people in the county have been knitting and purling like never before to help produce 1.5m miniature hats nationally for the latest Big Knit campaign.

Age UK Lancashire received 4,500 hats from their supporters.

Drinks company, Innocent has also produced limited edition be-hatted bottles, on sale throughout November as part of the Big Knit campaign, now in its 16th year.

Each of the special bottles carries a 25p donation to Age UK to help the charity continue to be there for older people in Lancashire who have no one else to turn to.

Teri Stephenson, chief officer of Age UK Lancashire, said: "We're so pleased with how much support the Big Knit has received over the years. We look forward to seeing the latest hat creations our devoted knitters in Lancashire make for us each year and we're excited to see them on sale.

"We want to thank everyone who has knitted a hat or bought a Big Knit smoothie to support the Big Knit.

"The campaign helps us to make a difference to the lives of older people in Lancashire. Money raised from the be-hatted bottles will help to fund essential services that tackle loneliness and isolation and bring older people together in their communities."

Emilie Stephenson, head of brand at Innocent Drinks, added: "Every year we're overwhelmed by the number of hats which come through our doors and it's brilliant to see the unique hats that are sent our way.

"We would love to thank everyone in Lancashire who supports the Big Knit, from the knitters to smoothie drinkers.

"It's great to take a moment and truly celebrate the intricacy and creativity of the hats. It's hats off to all the knitters."

Teri Stephenson, chief officer, Age UK Lancashire: "Campaign helps us to make a difference to lives of older people in county."

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Information evening for potential adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council is staging another information evening to help people considering adoption to find out about the process involved.

The event will be held at County Hall, Fishergate, Preston on Tuesday, December 10 from 6 to 7.30pm.

There's no need to book, you can just turn up, but early arrival is recommended so that the presentation can start promptly at 6pm. Anyone attending is also asked to stay for the whole session.

The council is focusing on two different types of adoption, so that more babies and young children can go to live with their permanent family more quickly.

• Best for Baby (Concurrent Placements) places babies and young children, aged up to two, with foster carers who may go on to give them a permanent home.

• Better Beginnings (The Fostering-for-Adoption scheme) is for children where there is no realistic prospect of a return to their birth family.

Barbara Bath, head of the adoption, fostering, residential care and the youth offending service at Lancashire County Council, said: "People from all backgrounds are needed to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family.

"We want to hear from people irrespective of their race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status. You can adopt as long as you are over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by.

Would-be adopters can find out about the Best for Baby scheme at the event.

Photo posed by model.

"What is important to us are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond.

"More children in Lancashire are benefiting from being placed with their adoptive families earlier, thanks to these programmes.

"Sometimes babies come into our care at birth or soon after, and they're looked after by foster carers, while we work with their parents to see if they can go home.

"If this isn't possible, the court process can take some time, and after that the baby usually has to move again to their adoptive parents."

Best for Baby (Concurrent Placements) place a baby or child straight away with their prospective adopters, who are also approved as foster carers, while the birth family is assessed and the court makes a decision.

Barbara Bath added: "Best for Baby placements mean that there's some degree of uncertainty for the adopters, because there is always a small chance the child might go home.

"If the adults can take on this uncertainty, the baby will have the chance of a more secure start in life. If they are adopted, they'll have been with their adoptive family for much longer."

Better Beginnings (Foster-for-Adoption) carers are approved as temporary foster carers, but are prepared to adopt the child - if it is eventually decided that they can't return to their birth family.

Arrangements through the Better Beginnings scheme can give children continuous care in the home that they may settle in permanently, rather than spending months with other foster carers first. They also give the added benefit of allowing them to bond with their new family at an earlier age.

This scheme has been encouraged by the government nationally over the last few years as part of reforms to speed up the adoption process.

Author urges students to 'step out'

BEST-selling author Rachel Joyce urged Edge Hill University students to be brave and "step out" at a special event at the Ormskirk campus.

The writer of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, which was selected as the 2019 Big Read book for new students, made the comments during a frank and moving question-and-answer session at the university's Arts Centre.

Confirming plans for a film and musical adaptation, she thanked The Big Read project for selecting her novel and urged students to learn from Harold Fry's mistakes by having the courage to find out who they are.

She said; "Young people today have to be really brave and need to ruffle things. Harold Fry spent his life in a car; he didn't have the courage to step out and find out who he was. Don't be afraid, find out who you are, step out."

Originally written as a play for BBC Radio 4, Rachel started penning Harold Fry in response to the news that her father had cancer, the same kind as one of the book's main characters, Queenie Hennessy.

"My reaction was to write this play, although I knew he would never hear it. As I was losing my dad I was writing about this man who was walking to save someone with cancer."

The *Unlikely Pilgrimage* was selected as the 2019 Big Read book by staff and students at Edge Hill, Kingston University London and the University of Wolverhampton.

The shared reading scheme sends the selected book to all first-year undergraduate students before enrolment in a bid to make students feel welcome and encourage community building.

Rachel said she was "excited" to have been chosen. "I think it's an amazing initiative and I want to support it in any way I can. I wish there had been something like this when I was a student, I think it would have been very helpful."

Alison Clark, Big Read project manager at Edge Hill, was thrilled to welcome the author. "It was fantastic to receive a visit from such a wonderful writer and I hope everyone who came along really enjoyed her insight on the book and the art of writing."

Best-selling author Rachel Joyce pictured at Edge Hill University. Photo © Stuart Rayner.

Christmas Fayre in aid of Rainbow Hub

A CHRISTMAS Fayre to raise funds for a Lancashire charity which supports children and young people with physical and neurological disabilities will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Southport on Saturday, December 7.

Members of the Unique Ladies network are hosting the free family-friendly event from 11am to 4pm at the Lord Street venue, supported by H Events Management Services, in aid of Mawdesley-based Rainbow Hub, formerly Rainbow House.

Pamela Knight from Rainbow Hub said: "Families can get into the Christmas spirit with traditional carols and music and a visit from Santa and his sleigh. The children can enjoy photos with Santa, glitter tattoos and carol singing with opportunities to show off their own singing talents!

"Traditional Christmas fayre will include mince pies and mulled wine and everyone will have the chance to take part in a huge raffle with a variety of prizes."

For further information call Pauline on 07984 779628 or email rainbowxmas@yahoo.com.

NHS trust reduces carbon emissions for a fourth year in succession

LANCASHIRE & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust has reduced its carbon emissions for a fourth consecutive year and is only 1% from achieving the 2020 target a year early.

As part of one of the largest employers in the world, NHS organisations across the country are working hard to deliver health services in a way that is environmentally sustainable.

The NHS also recognises that climate change is a global health threat that impacts people's lives and human health, and has committed to an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050 using 1990 as a baseline year.

Chris Carlsen *(pictured)*, environmental manager at Healthcare Support & Infrastructure Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We have achieved this reduction in carbon emissions in part by optimising our accommodation strategy and installing SMART energy meters at all sites. These actions have provided highly accurate energy consumption and carbon emissions data, and eliminated estimated bills.

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THE festive season is now in full swing in Liverpool and this year Yuletide visitors will be able to get a unique 'ticket to ride' on the Polar Adventure!

Departing from a specially built station on Chavasse Park in Liverpool ONE, the Christmas Express will take passengers on an enchanting 30-45 minutes 'North Pole' experience, complete with festive music, dancing and even a hot chocolate pit stop.

Led by the 'Jolly Station Master' and his team of porters, the train ride offers a range of captivating Christmas activities fit for the whole family to enjoy.

Christmas in Liverpool looks set to be the most magical yet and the Champion was invited along to see just what the city can offer seasonal visitors this year.

Liverpool is in the top three UK cities to visit but there's no better time to enjoy it than at Christmas.

Much-loved favourites such as Bar Hutte makes a welcome return underneath the 30 metre-tall Christmas 'love heart' tree on Paradise Street while The Ice Festival at the Pier Head is back complete with ice skating, thrill rides and stalls. Meanwhile, across the city can be found the traditional Christmas markets located outside the magnificent St George's Hall.

So Liverpool is definitely ready to deck the halls again this year.

But it's not just Christmas that awaits the Yuletide visitor. Of course, no visit to Liverpool would be complete without mention of the Beatles.

On the city's iconic Matthew Street you'll find the Magical Beatles Museum - three floors full of original and unique Beatles memorabilia. The museum was only opened last year by Roag Best, brother of the original Beatles drummer, Pete Best.

Polar Adventure at Liverpool ONE.

Staying on a musical theme, Liverpool is also now home to the British Music Experience. It's housed in the Cunard Building on the waterfront and tells the story of British music with everything from the swinging sixties to Brit Pop and even the X Factor. It's a feast of delights for those with an interest in our musical culture.

New in Liverpool this year is the Liverpool Light Spectacular - a magical light tunnel situated in Church Alley (off Church Street) where, every half hour, there's a spectacular light display set to music including some old festive favourites.

The Champion was the guest of the Quest Apartment Hotel, fully serviced and right in the heart of the city centre on Church Street. Quest is an Australian company and only opened in Liverpool in September. The city is home to its first venture in the UK outside of London and well worth considering for a stay with large airy rooms decorated to the highest standard and a real 'home from home'.

Lunch on the Champion's visit to Liverpool was provided by Silk Road on Hope Street, next to The Philharmonic - a local tapas restaurant that deliciously explores the flavours and dishes of food from the Pacific to the Med! Well worth a visit.

Dinner was provided courtesy of The Clubhouse situated on Chavasse Park at Liverpool ONE offering everything from burgers and pies to hanging kebabs, and also definitely recommended!

Tickets for the Polar Adventure are provided by Ticket Quarter, the city region's box office. For further information on the train and to find out more about what's happening across Liverpool this festive season visit www.visitliverpool.com/christmas

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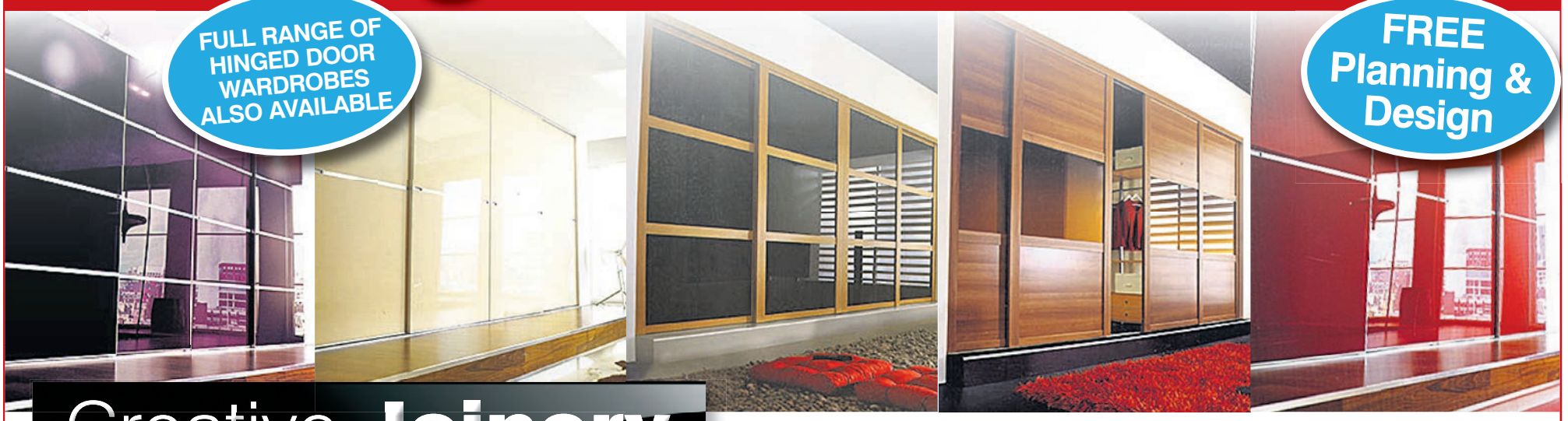

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Scouse Snow White was 'King of the pantos'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Scouse Snow White
Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool

A SLICK, fast moving panto, full of popular songs, loads of jokes, irreverent without being crude and every bit as good as last year's smash hit, Scouse Cinderella.

The curtain opened to reveal a truly dazzling set, worthy of a Royal Performance, with a frosty sparkling dome which revolved into a cosy little, walk-in cottage with twinkling coloured lights and pixies and, above it, a platform on top.

When the three-piece band led by M.D.Howard Grey, struck up a rousing version of Madonna's Material Girl, Lindzi Germaine strode onto the roof of the dome bellowing the vocals and electrified the audience who clapped along enthusiastically.

Lindzi played the Evil Queen who hires the Vampire Christmas Killer (Stephen Fletcher) to kill Snow White (Hayley Sheen) but first she has to deal with The Huntsman (Michael Fletcher) who has fallen in love with Snow White.

Centre stage was Andrew Schofield as The Narrator, who performed a one-man comedy show, the gags coming along thick and fast and totally topical with all the expected references to Everton, Man Utd, the Wirral, etc which brought the appropriate howls of approval from an audience. And that's without the unscripted asides.

Keddy Sutton reprised her 2018 role as Mayor Joe, complete with the familiar bald pate.

Her unexpected ukulele rendition version of Joe Dolce's 'Shadup you face' was a scream and brought the house down.

Newcomer, Samatha Arends, made her debut with Nana Dwarf, her appealing puppet who, on this showing, must make a return visit next year.

A scene from Scouse Snow White. Picture by Activate Digital

Jamie Clark as the sexy Genie and Emma Bispham, (understudy) completed the cast.

The hits kept coming throughout the evening, Uptown Girl, Money Money Money, plus romantic songs like Close to You and Windmills of Your Mind and a traditional version of Jimmie Rodgers' classic country hit, In the Jailhouse Now.

Written by Kevin Fearon and directed by Chris Mellor, the tempo kept a fast pace throughout and the best thing I can say about this show is 'it's a typical Royal Court pantomime' and nothing could be better than that.

Star Rating: 9 out of 10. King of the pantos. Not to be missed.

Christmas Carol being brought to life at Atkinson

THIS winter, Chapterhouse Theatre Company continues its festive tradition of touring Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol to theatres, castles, and cathedrals across the UK.

Especially adapted for the stage by award-winning writer Laura Turner, this show is the perfect festive treat for all ages as the evenings start to draw in.

On Christmas Eve, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is whisked away on a journey through the past and into the future, accompanied by three ghosts determined to show him the true meaning of Christmas. But will Scrooge's cold heart thaw in time for Christmas Day...?

A Christmas Carol is brought to life in a traditional production, complete with beautiful period costumes, song, dance, and a generous helping of Christmas spirit.

Chapterhouse Theatre Company first toured A Christmas Carol in 2010 and 2011.

In 2016, the show was revived and reimagined, and performed to sell-out audiences across the UK, including three exclusive performances at The British Museum.

In 2019, A Christmas Carol is returning once more to provide the perfect antidote to the chaos of the Christmas rush.

Richard Main, artistic director at Chapterhouse Theatre Company said: "Christmas is the most magical time of the year, so I am thrilled that we get to join our audiences in celebrating the season; hopefully people will go away with a warm, wintery glow.

"A Christmas Carol is special to a lot of people in the way it captures the true heart of Christmas: the spirit of forgiveness, generosity and love. I hope this adaptation reflects everything that the story has come to mean to me and so many others."

A Christmas Carol is coming to The Atkinson

A Christmas Carol will be at the Atkinson this Saturday (December 7) at 1pm and 7.30pm.

Chapterhouse Theatre Company is a professional open-air touring company committed to creating innovative, accessible productions of classic texts and stories and presenting magical theatre in magical surroundings.

Uplifting musical stopping off in city during first UK tour

FULL casting has been announced for Once, which embarks on its first UK tour from January 2020, playing at the Liverpool Empire Theatre from Monday 20 to Saturday January 25.

Joining the previously announced Daniel Healy as Guy and Emma Lucia as Girl are Dan Bottomley as Billy, Matthew Burns as Eamon, Ellen Chivers as Reza, Rosalind Ford as Ex-Girlfriend, Lloyd Gorman as Svejc, David Heywood as Emcee, Samuel Martin as Bank Manager, Peter Peverley as Da, Susannah Van Den Berg as Baruska and James William-Pattison as Andrej.

The cast also includes Emma Fraser, Seán Keany, Hanna Khogali and Conor McFarlane.

Based on the critically acclaimed and much-loved film, Once tells the uplifting yet yearning story of two lost souls - a Dublin street busker and a Czech musician - who unexpectedly fall in love. Following their relationship across five short days, big changes happen to both of them in little ways.

Celebrated for its original score including the Academy Award-winning song Falling Slowly, Once is a spell-binding and uplifting story of hopes and dreams.

Once embarks on its UK tour after runs on Broadway and in the West End, and having won awards across the world including the Academy Award for Best Original Song, a Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album, eight Tony Awards and an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

Daniel Healy as Guy and Emma Lucia as Girl in the touring production of Once

Daniel Healy and Emma Lucia return to the roles of 'Guy' and 'Girl' after receiving critical and audience acclaim in the production's premiere last year at the New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich and Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch.

Daniel Healy is a singer-songwriter, musician and actor, who has co-written songs for multi-platinum artist Ronan Keating including the single Breathe, which topped the BBC Radio 2 Playlist.

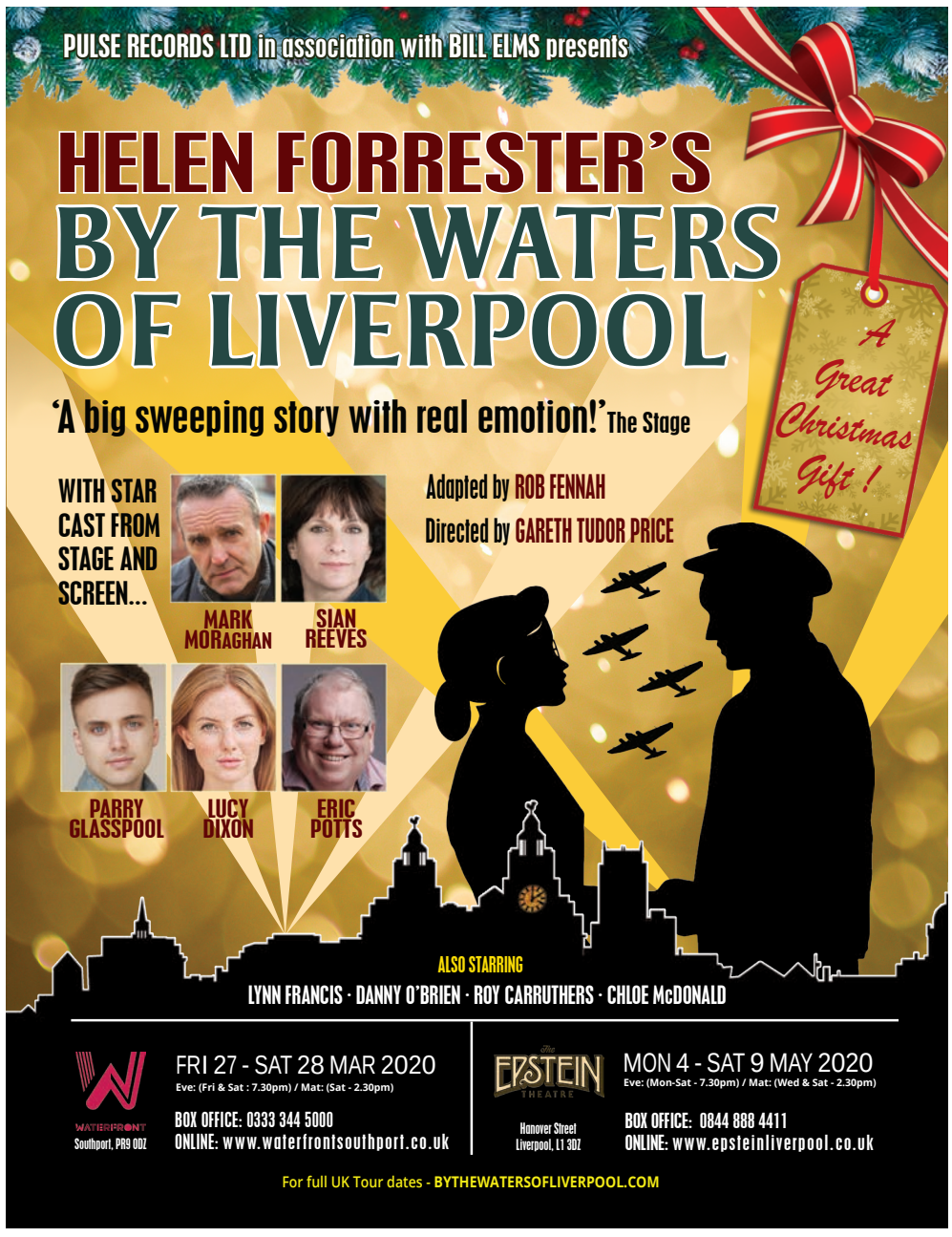
Theatre credits include Backbeat and Once, both in the West End. Emma Lucia made her professional debut as Marilyn and understudying Carole King in the UK Tour of Beautiful, before taking on the role of Girl in Once.

Once is directed by Peter Rowe with set and costume design by Libby Watson, musical supervision by Ben Goddard, choreography by Francesca Jaynes, lighting design by Mark Dymock, sound design by James Cook, projection design by Peter Hazelwood and orchestrations by Martin Lowe. Casting is by Debbie O'Brien.

Based on the cult 2007 Irish indie feature, originally shot on a micro-budget of just $160,000, Once premiered at the New York Theatre Workshop in 2011 before transferring to Broadway in 2012.

There it won eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. Productions have since opened all over the world, including the West End production in 2013 which received the Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

Once has a Book by the Irish playwright and screenwriter Enda Walsh, and music and lyrics by Academy Award winning Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová .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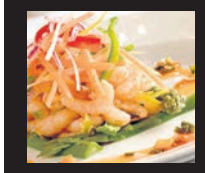

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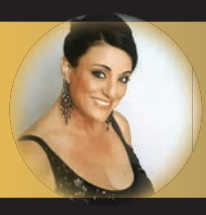

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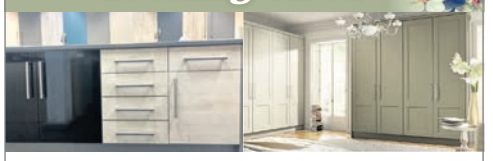

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U49413 AUGHTON PARK DRIVE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton from Beaumont Crescent, Aughton to for a distance of 40m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Wednesday 18th December 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton – Black Moss Lane, Aughton – C123 Long Lane, Aughton – U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow routine maintenance works on the sewer network to be carried out by Amey on behalf of United Utilities. Authority given for this Order to be made: Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21184/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/1101/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension to the garden centre building, single storey side extension to the restaurant and the erection of replacement canopies following the demolition of the existing staff room, pets and aquatic building and existing canopies at the garden centre site at Warbreck Garden Centre, Lyelake Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/1144/FUL Replacement single storey extension to rear at 14 Wheat Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/1159/FUL Installation of 7 No. telecommunication masts, each at a separate site. Each mast has 4 No. antenna, plus one electricity cabinet and associated equipment at Ormskirk To Liverpool Railway Line, Station Approach, Ormskirk.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/1170/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of planning permission 2018/0790/ARM (plans, materials, levels, boundary treatment, phasing of offsite highway works) at Land To The North Of, Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.
2019/1171/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of planning permission 2018/0796/FUL (plans, materials, levels, boundary treatment, phasing of offsite highway works) at Land To The North Of, Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.
2019/1197/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of material of the proposed chimney from render to brick, amend the position of patio doors on the rear elevation and reinstate a previously bricked up window. Reinstatement of internal staircase and internal walls at South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 4th December 2019
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SIMPSON MARY

The family of the late Mary Simpson would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind messages of condolence and mass cards received during their sad loss. Grateful thanks for all the generous donations received for the HDU at Southport District General Hospital. Special thanks to the staff at 10b and the HDU at Southport District General Hospital for taking good care of Mary also to Father Patsy Foley for his support and kind words. Thank you to Derek at Howard's Funeral Directors for his guidance and dignified funeral arrangements.

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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DEATHS

WARE ALAN LIEUTENANT B.E.M.

November 27th 2019
Aged 95 years

Will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 6th December at 3:15pm

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Claire House Children's Hospice c/o Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4AG Tel: 01704 550055

CROWDER NICOLA JANE

26th November 2019
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 56 Years.

She is dearly loved and missed by all her family and friends. A celebration of her life is to be held at Sefton Parish Church, Bridges Lane, Sefton on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 12:30pm followed by a private committal service. Flowers are welcome or in lieu of Flowers, a Donation in her memory would be gratefully received for an animal charity of your choice.

For all enquiries, please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

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DEATHS

WATKINSON JAMES HOWARD

27th November 2019
Aged 66 Years

Died peacefully at Southport Hospital. Dear Dad of Peter, Brother of Susan, Grandfather of Jack, Father in law of Jan, Uncle of Jane and George. James will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 13th December at 10:40am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Sefton Alzheimer's Society. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

TAYLOR JANEY

After a short illness peacefully in hospital on the 19th November, aged 92 years.

Dearly beloved Widow of Malcolm. Much loved Mum of Kathryn and Kevin. Dear Mother-in-Law of David and Helen. Loving Grandma of Pauline, Joanne, Daniel and Callum. Great Grandma of Jack. Janey will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton at 2:45pm on Thursday 5th December, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 4pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for "Arthritis Research" and "The British Heart Foundation". Further enquiries please to: WH Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston PR4 6UP. Tel 01772-812409

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DEATHS

ALEXANDER MARGARET

(Nee Quinn)

November 24th 2019
Aged 82 years
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Wife of the late John Alexander and much loved Mum of Denise & Claire, Mum-in-Law of Andy & Steven, Nan to Samantha, Ben, Joe, Louise & Alex. Beloved Great Nan to Anabelle, Poppy & Niamh.

Funeral to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 6th December at 2pm

Celebration of life at St Gregory's Social Centre. Those unable to attend the funeral service are welcome to join the family at the Parish Centre. Enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, L31 2LZ Tel: 0151 531 7890

DODGSON JOHN

27th November 2019
Aged 80 years

Dearly loved Husband of Ann. Much-loved Dad of David, Paul and Anne. Father-in-law of Angela, Lisa and Brian. Grandad of Carl, Hannah, Jonathan, Cameron and Joel. Will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Formby on Friday 13th December at 11.00am followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations to Queenscourt Hospice c/o Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE Tel. 01704 873899

DEATHS

WRIGHT REV JOHN BRIAN

of Forum Court, Southport and originally from Marshside, sadly passed away on November 21st 2019 Aged 89 years.

Beloved Husband of Doreen, loving Father to David, treasured Father-in-Law to Judith and much loved Grandad to Amy and William. Funeral service at Lord St West United Methodist church on Monday 9th December at 12:00 noon. Followed by committial at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations welcome for M.S Society. All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Rd, Southport PR8 4AG Tel:01704 550 055

KERSHAW RAY

(THOMAS RAYMOND)
In hospital on 16th November 2019 aged 86 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Nan(Annette). Much loved Dad of Wendy and Alistair. Loving Father in Law to Jackie. Dear Grandad to James, Adam and Josh. Ray will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 13th December 2019 at 11.20am. Family flowers only please but the family are gratefully receiving donations if desired to The Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and The MS Society (Southport Branch). Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Rd, Ainsdale PR8 3HS Tel 01704 575282

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DEATHS

COTTERALL JOHN

27th November 2019
Aged 95 years

Died peacefully in Southport Hospital. Loving Husband of Rae. Devoted Father to Andy, Tim and Sally. Proud Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Committal at Southport Crematorium at 10:00am Tuesday 10th December followed by a service of thanksgiving at St John's Birkdale at 11:15am.

Family flowers only but donations are being gratefully received for St John's Church Birkdale. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

EVANS JOSEPH (JOBO)

25th November 2019
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family
aged 78 years

Jobo was a much loved Brother, Brother-in-law and a dear Uncle of all his Nieces and Nephews. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place today Wednesday 4th December at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. Enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/32 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

WINSTANLEY HARRY

27th November 2019
Peacefully in his sleep aged 92 years formally of the Stanley Gate Inn Bickerstaffe

Dearly loved Father of Deborah. Father in law of John, much-loved Grandad (Dadd) of Ted and Katie. Beloved Brother of Irene and Ben and Brenda. Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday 12th December at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe at 12.30pm, followed by short Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1.45pm. Hospitality will be provided afterwards for all attending. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Royal British Legion and Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe. All further enquiries please to H Hardman & Co, Marlborough House, Witham Road, Skelmersdale, WN8 8HP. Tel 01695 722122.

MCLEAN PETER

November 27th 2019
Sadly aged 71 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Carol and Dad of Alex. Funeral Mass at St Gregory's RC Church, Lydiate on Friday December 13th 2019 at 10:00am followed by burial at Kirkdale Cemetery.

All who knew Peter are welcome. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired in memory of Peter would be gratefully received for Woodlands Hospice (Hospice At Home).

All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330

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DEATHS

HOGG JOHN HAROLD (JACK)

Passed away peacefully at home on 13th November 2019 aged 89 years

Devoted Husband to Marian. Much loved Dad to David and Janet, also Father in law to Lynn and Steve. Will be sadly missed by his Grand Daughters Rebecca, Samantha, Hannah and their partners. Also Grandson James and his Wife Sarah. His two Great Grand Daughters Mia and Emily will miss him very much. The funeral service will take place at West Lancs crematorium on Tuesday 10th December at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Broadgreen Heart and Chest Hospital c/o Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

DOLAN DOREEN

Died 28th November at home aged 79. Recently of Ormskirk

Devoted Wife of Kevin, Mother and Grandmother.

Humanist service will take place at Southport Crematorium on 16th December at 3.20pm. Formal dress not necessary

Family flowers only but Cancer Research will be pleased to receive any donations.

Funeral arrangements by F J Gibb, Birkdale 01704 551666

DEATHS

WHITTINGHAM WILLIAM THOMAS (BILLY)

28th November 2019
aged 76 years

Darling Husband of Jean. Dad of Clifford, Cheryl and Daughter-in-law Debbie. Precious Grandad of Lewis, Jacob, Molly and Morgan (deceased).

"My darling Husband Billy. You have left me heartbroken after 59 wonderful years together. My first, my last, my everything. Until we meet again." All my love Jean xx

"Dad you have left our hearts broken beyond repair. We will miss you forever" All our love Cliff, Cheryl and families xx

Funeral service on 12th December 2019, St Philips Church Litherland at 1pm. Burial to follow at Bootle Cemetery, then on to the ODVA Club Bootle. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research or The Kidney Foundation through David Clegg, Bridge Road, Litherland. Tel: 0151 928 6665

HANNAH ALBERT EDWARD (BERT)

25 November 2019
Aged 88yrs

Devoted Husband to Irene and loving Father to Janet and Ian and Father in law to Bruce and Sandra and all his Grandchildren. Bert will be very sadly missed by his many family and friends. Service and committal at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 9.30am. Family flowers only by request. Donations will be gratefully received for the British Heart Foundation. All enquires to Thompsons FS 175A Liverpool Road South Maghull L31 8AA Tele 0151 526 1815

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AINSCOUGH CYRIL

26th November 2019

Loving Husband to Maureen.
Much loved Dad of Angela, Keith and Richard. Adored Grandad and Great Grandad to all his Grandchildren.
Cyril will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
No flowers by request please but donations if so desired Southport Kidney Fund.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

CULSHAW COLIN

22nd November 2019
aged 79 years
Passed away peacefully in hospital after a short illness

Colin will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends. Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium at 10.40am on Tuesday 10th December. Flowers would be accepted but if desired donations would be collected for The British Heart Foundation.
All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel:01695 572997

LUNT COLIN ANDREW

23rd November 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 80 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Husband of Margaret. Loving Dad of Colette and Colin and devoted Grandad to all his Grand and Great Grandchildren.
Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 6th December 2019 at 3:30pm.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

SUMNER FLORENCE (FLO) (NEE LANGTON)

Peacefully at the Beaufort Care Home
22nd November 2019
aged 96 years

Wife of the late Tom Sumner.
Mother of Jef, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.
Funeral service to be held at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 12th December at 3:15pm.
Family flowers only but donations if so desired to Dementia UK.
Further enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, Smithy Walk, Burscough. Tel: 01704 897770

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HALL WILMA

1st December 2019
Suddenly
aged 75 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of Fred.
Much loved Sister of Jim, Sister in law of Enid, dear Auntie of Andrew, Nigel and families and a dear friend to Anne, Joanne and Kamran.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for British Heart Foundation.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Indepedent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

SMITH IRENE

27th November 2019
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 82 years.

Much loved Wife of Harry. Loving Mum of Tony, Linda, Jackie and Garry.
Loving and caring Gran of Emily, Chris, Amber and Leo and her Great Grandchildren.
Dear Sister of Stan.
Irene will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

Funeral service will take place at Lord Street West United Church on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 12.15pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 1.20pm.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.
Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

RATCLIFFE ERIC

25th November 2019
Aged 86 years

Passed away peacefully at Lyndale Nursing Home.
Dearly beloved Husband of Ann.
Much loved Father of Elaine, Karen and Christine.
Father in law to Alan.
Loving Grandad to Sian, Charlotte, Hannah, Mathew and Tomas.
Dear Great-Grandfather of Teddy, Betsy and Cara.
Eric will be sadly missed and forever in the hearts of his loved ones.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 9th December 2019 at 3:20pm.
Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Queenscourt Hospice.
All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1 - 5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

KIERNAN JOHN JOSEPH

23rd November 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 80 years

Loving Husband of Elizabeth.
Devoted Dad of Louise and Denise.
Cherished Grandad of Ben, Ellie and Taylor.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Richards Church on Thursday 5th December at 11.15am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The Stroke Unit at Southport Hospital.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

THOMAS KATHLEEN LILIAN

22nd November 2019
Age 103 Years
St John Ambulance Serving Sister passed away peacefully.

Funeral service to take place at St Michaels Church Aughton 10.00am on Thursday 5th December 2019. Committal at Southport Crematorium.
All enquiries to Craven Funeral Service, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate L31 2LZ. Tel: 0151 531 7890

CHAMBERS MARGARET SUSAN

November 10th 2019
Former Librarian of Liverpool University.

Reunited with her Mum & Dad, Robert & May.
R.I.P

Service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday December 13th 2019 at 2pm.

All Enquires to H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

CONSTANTINE DUNCAN DAVID

Suddenly at home
13th November 2019
aged 56 years

Duncan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 10:00am.
Further enquiries please to: Ormskirk Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

FORMBY BRIAN GEORGE

23rd November 2019
Peacefully in Birch Green Care Centre
aged 81 years

Loving Husband of the late Edna.
Devoted Dad of Brian, Ian, Gary, Jackie and Lynn. Dear Father in law of Laura and a cherished Grandad of all his Grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Pauls Church on Thursday 12th December at 10.15am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request.
Donations if desired for Dementia UK.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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MALORET KEN

22nd November 2019
After a long illness peacefully in hospital
Aged 74 years.

Loving Husband of Trudy. Much loved Dad of Sean. Loving Grandad to his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchild.
Dear Brother to George and John.
Ken will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 9th December 2019 at 2.40pm. Flowers or donations for Queenscourt Hospice are being gratefully received.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106.

BROWN GILLIAN ANNE

Peacefully on
27th November 2019 at Aaron Crest Care Home.
aged 79 years

Beloved Wife of Norman.
Much loved Mum of Richard and Jo.
Dear Mother in law of Claire and Peter.
Loving Sister of David and the late Graham and special (Graggy) Grandma and Great Grandma. The funeral service will take place at West Lancs Crematorium, Pippin St, Burscough on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The RNLI and The Northwest Air Ambulance.
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DEATHS

MYERS GILLIAN

21st November 2019

Peacefully, aged 64 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of Alan. Much loved Mother of Katie. Dear Grandma of Louis and Isabelle. Dear Sister of Richard. A much loved Auntie of many. Gillian will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Leyland Road Methodist Church, Leyland Road, Southport, PR9 9JQ on Friday 6th December 2019 at 2:15pm. Family flowers only by request please but if so desired donations can be made to Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and all enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Tel: 01704 212714.

GILLESPIE THOMAS PATRICK (TOMMY)

Passed away 24th November 2019 aged 87 years

Dearly loved Husband of Dot. Dad to Tommy, Dot, Jean and Joe, also their partners Joyce, Peter, Steve and Marie. Treasured Grandad, Great Grandad, and Brother in law to Betty and Harry.

"Our Dad was the Best. Devoted Husband loved by all and will be sadly missed by all."

Requiem mass at St Benets Church Monday 9th December at 10.45am followed be Committal at Thornton Cemetery. Family flowers only but if desired donations for the RNLI may be sent to Thompsons Funeral Directors, Marian Square Netherton L30 5QA. Tel: 0151 525 0800

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DEATHS

TRIM IRENE DOROTHEA (M.B.E.)

26th November 2019

Aged 93 years

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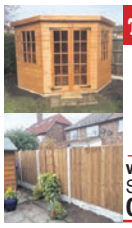

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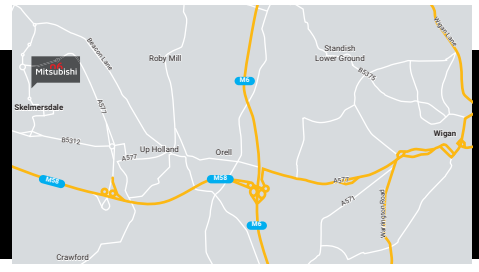

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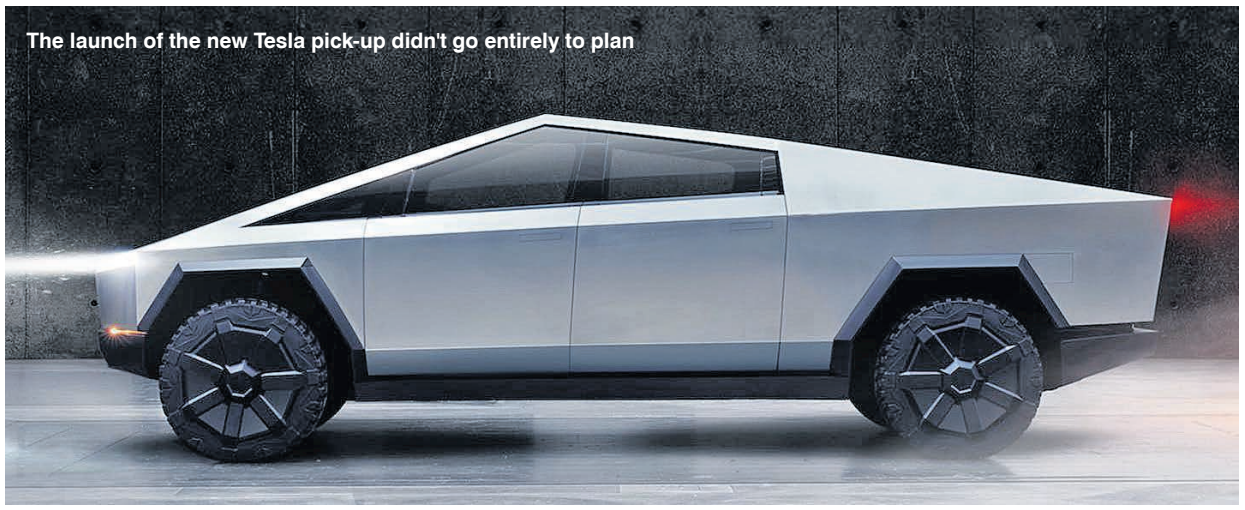

The launch of the new Tesla pick-up didn't go entirely to plan

Schoolboy temptation is to poke fun at Bond villain who's clearly disguised as a company's boss

"ERM, that wasn't supposed to happen." Whatever you make of Elon Musk, you couldn't help feeling sorry for him when his new pick-up launch didn't go quite to plan.

His big unveiling included a demonstration of the unbreakable windows on Tesla's latest model – which he then proceeded to smash, completely by accident, in full view of the press. What's more, if that wasn't enough, he then went on to show it was just a one-off freak accident by lobbing a metal ball at the truck's back window. That one smashed too, obviously.

But while there is an inevitable schoolboy temptation to poke fun at this Bond villain clearly disguised as a car company boss getting it so comically wrong on the world's stage, there are two things worth bearing in mind. First, that Elon 'fessed up on Twitter the following day, saying that Tesla clearly had a bit of work to do – and you'd never see Ford, Nissan, Volkswagen or any other big car-maker readily admit it'd fluffed up. If anything, it makes Tesla come across as a little more loveable, because to err is only human.

But more importantly – and I'm happy to stick my head above the parapet on this one, as everyone else seems to be disagreeing at the moment – I think Tesla's new pick-up looks tremendous. Not heartstoppingly beautiful or pleasingly pleasant, but different. Very, stop-and-think-for-a-moment, different. Which has got to be a good thing. Put it this way; for months the car magazines and the internet's resident Photoshop experts knew that Tesla had been quietly working away on all-electric take on that most American of institutions, and almost all of them imagined it'd look like the company's Model S saloon, albeit on stilts.

A couple of them even managed to top 'n' tail the Model X's design details onto a Ford F-150/Toyota Tundra generic pick-up body. Nobody, on the other hand, envisaged it'd be a wedge-shaped creation that looks like it's escaped from the set of Total Recall. The fact that Elon later admitted it was partly inspired by one of his favourite cars, the Lotus Esprit, makes me love it even more.

Yes, I know it looks like it's been styled by someone extremely adept with rulers, that it's so enormous that it'll clearly look ridiculous in the middle of Ormskirk and that – for now at least – its unbreakable windows can be defeated by a metal ball, but that's not the point. Whether you're nodding sagely in agreement or think the new pick-up is the stupidest-looking car since Suzuki stopped production of the X-90, at least you're thinking SOMETHING.

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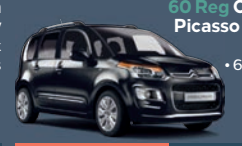

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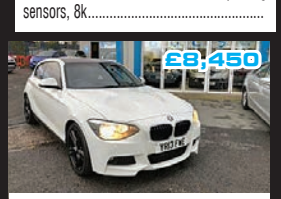
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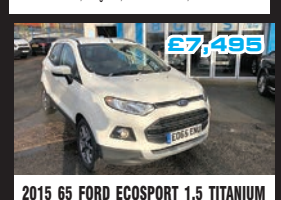
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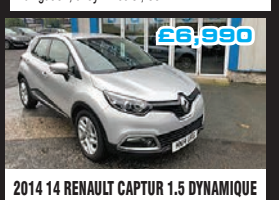
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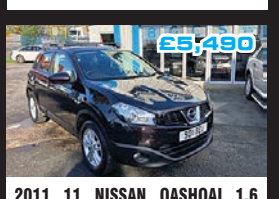
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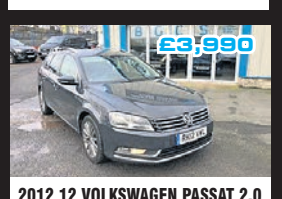
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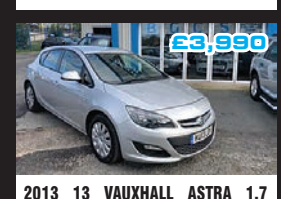
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Confidence is key for McNally ahead of Longridge trip

BOTH Skelmersdale United and Burscough are in East Lancashire this weekend and both will be going with hopes of victory.

After Saturday's magnificent 5-0 success at Winsford United, Skelmersdale will go to Longridge Town hoping for a repeat performance.

Burscough are away to Barnoldswick Town in search of a double having beaten them 3-2 at Victoria Park last month.

On paper Longridge away is a real tough one for Skem, the hosts were promoted to the North West Counties Premier Division in April and have taken their new division pretty much by storm, winning ten and losing three of their thirteen league games so far.

Although they are fifth in the table they have a handful of games in hand that would put them firmly in the promotion places again, further they have had a great run in the FA Vase.

Skem manager Paul McNally when looking forward to the Longridge game in an interview with the Skelmersdale United website confidently said: "Longridge are a very, very good side and that is reflected in where they are in the table. Let's go there let's be confident after Winsford lets have a go and let's see where it gets us."

Based on the way they played at Winsford Skem may well have turned the corner now and a surprise might not be as impossible as people might think.

Both teams have midweek games scheduled for next week, Burscough face the mountainous task of playing league leaders 1874 Northwich away on Tuesday, December 10, on the same night Skem are at home to promotion hopefuls Rylands at Prescot. Both kick off 7.45pm.

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Brodie bags a brace for five star Skem!

Stunning victory moves side away from drop zone

Winsford United 0
Skelmersdale United 5

A STUNNING 5-0 victory on the road for Skelmersdale United against high-flying Winsford United saw them move away from the relegation zone, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Paul McNally handed a debut to Daniel Murphy while Marvin Molyneux and Alex Griffiths returned to the starting line-up and newly signed Josh Klein-Davies was named on the bench.

An early warning for Skem came after just two minutes as Samuel Marshall's low cross found Brian Matthews who slotted past Ben Barnes but the effort was chalked off due to offside. Nathan Cotterill swept a free-kick over the bar for the hosts before Marshall's dangerous cross evaded all comers just inches from the goal-line.

Winsford were left to rue their missed chances as Skem took the lead against the run of play on 20 minutes, a back-pass from Brendan O'Brien saw Richard Brodie collect and advance on goal, evading the challenge of Michael Langley to slot into an empty net for 1-0.

The hosts could have levelled within a minute as a through ball put Matthews in on goal who could only hit at Barnes from close range and he should have tested Barnes again minutes later as Obi Anoruo's cross found Matthews who hit achingly past the post.

Matthews rounded off a trilogy of chances as he headed against the bar with Barnes beaten and again Winsford's missed opportunities cost them as Skem doubled the lead on 32 minutes. A looping pass from Alex Griffiths found the run of Emini Adegbenro who raced towards goal and drew a save from Langley; the rebound fell to Brodie who saw his shot cannon off the bar into the path of Adegbenro who slotted in for 2-0.

Skem celebrate another goal against Winsford. Picture by Kevin Wright

The first chance of the second half saw Adegbenro slotting the ball narrowly past the far post before Skem made it 3-0 on 58 minutes spectacularly. Barnes's long ball forward finding Brodie who shrugged off a defender before unleashing a thundering effort which flew past Langley into the net.

Winsford's afternoon got worse on 63 minutes as a challenge from Darcy O'Connor on Griffiths saw him dismissed by referee Oliver Nolan after a delay with both teams involved in a scuffle which then saw Barnes and Marshall booked for their parts in the incident.

The win was secured for Skem on 78 minutes as substitute Tom Croughan's run saw him cut inside and look to lob Langley who got his fingertips to the shot which continued its path towards goal and into the empty net for 4-0.

The lead was extended as the game entered the 90th minute as having been felled by O'Brien, Klein-Davies stepped up and slotted the resulting penalty past Langley for 5-0.

Goal-shy Linnets left to rue missed chances after suffering narrow defeat

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Padiham 1
Burscough 0

MISFIRING Burscough were beaten by Padiham after wasting a number of chances in front of goal.

Burscough dropped another three points on their Saturday trip to East Lancashire and the reason is there for all to see.

In 17 league games they have scored just 12 goals, chances and openings were there but they just lack for attacking threat.

If they could find a goal scorer it would make all the difference to their perilous position in the North West Counties Premier Division table. Padiham got one really good chance to score and took it.

Burscough started well and early on home goalkeeper Matty Holmes kept them out with a superb leap across his goal. The move had started up the right side and the ball was put across goal by Conor Christiansen, Chris Lomax ran in and hit a powerful goal bound shot, that Holmes clawed away.

Luke Noble scores the only goal of the game for Padiham

Padiham who are managed by former Skelmersdale Championship winner Adam Morning have struggled for goals this season themselves and barring a cross that Dave Jones snatched from the feet of Luke Noble didn't pose too much threat.

When half-time came along Burscough could say that they had arguably looked the most likely to break the deadlock after a goalless opening 45 minutes. It looked promising.

Like the first-half, Burscough started the second-half well and Chris Lomax had an opportunity, but as Christiansen's low cross came in from the right, he couldn't get a telling connection with the goal at his mercy.

It was becoming a more entertaining match and Dominic Craig put in a weak shot that Linnets goalkeeper Dave Jones managed to hold onto.

On 57 mins Padiham struck what was to prove to be the winner. Craig latched onto a poor clearance that had come from a long ball down the middle and he then put the ball through the Burscough defence to an on the run Luke Noble. As Jones left his line the six foot striker side-footed the ball past the keeper into the net. It was a good finish and it was crucial to the outcome.

Burscough went onto the attack and George Lomax was unlucky to see a shot deflected away, however Burscough were now committed to attack and that left them vulnerable to a counterattack and on one occasion they were a bit lucky to see a raised flag save them from going two behind.

Christiansen lifted a free-kick just over the crossbar as Padiham were forced back onto the defensive, but Burscough were now finding it difficult to create opportunities against an entrenched home defence.

The one goal proved enough to defeat Burscough, the lack of firepower would almost certainly made a difference for the Linnets, if they had an experienced striker they would be a lot healthier position in the league table.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

St. Mary's College
& Preparatory School
Register now for admissions to all year groups
St. Mary's College & Preparatory School 0151 924 3926 www.stmarys.ac
The independent Catholic school for boys and girls of all faiths aged 0–18

St. Mary's College Preparatory School

St. Mary's College Preparatory School offers an outstanding and inspiring primary education to 4-11 year olds.

As an independent school, we have the freedom to set our own priorities. We offer individual attention, challenge and support which enables each child to fulfil their potential and achieve their own personal excellence.

The academic thrust of the school is central with a strong focus on the key enabling skills of numeracy, reading and writing.

Our curriculum is designed to give our pupils the best opportunity to succeed academically and develop a lifelong love of learning.

We provide an extensive programme of free extra-curricular activities, and pupils are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to develop their confidence and extend their experience. The vast majority of pupils (91%) attend at least two clubs or extra-curricular activities per week.

In the last three years our Year 6 pupils have consistently achieved 100% at or above the expected level in the key areas of numeracy, reading and writing.

Outstanding academic results • Strong ethos and values • Small class sizes

Specialist teaching in Art, Music, Sport & Languages

Extensive range of free extra-curricular activities

Visiting Morning: Monday 9th December, 9am - 12pm

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St. Mary's College Crosby

At St. Mary's College, academic excellence comes as standard.

As one of the Northwest's leading academic schools, our public examination results are consistently amongst the best in the area.

St. Mary's College has ranked top of the Department for Education's Sefton GCSE results table for the last two years.

However, success at St. Mary's is measured by much more than examination results. Our First XV Rugby Team are the 2019 Lancashire Plate Champions and our Senior Netball Team are the 2019 Sefton Netball Tournament Champions; just a couple of examples of our pupils' impressive sporting achievements.

Our choirs, orchestras and bands perform regularly at home and abroad, with the annual Festival of Music at Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall and Proms in the Park fireworks concert particular highlights. Add to this the outstanding achievements in art, drama, dance, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and many other areas and you will see that our pupils are inspired to perform in more ways than one.

59% of A Level passes A*, A or B

30% of GCSE passes A*- A

2019 Lancashire Plate Rugby Champions

2019 Sefton Netball Tournament Champions

Music centre of excellence

Visiting Day: Friday 10th January, 9am - 3pm
11+ Entrance Examination: Friday 31st January

Sixth Form at St. Mary's College provides an experience like no other, helping students achieve excellent academic results and developing skills and values for life.

A Levels are taught by subject specialists and teaching groups are small. As a result, students achieve excellent examination results. More than a third of students achieved three or more A*, A or B grades in 2019.

In addition to three A Levels, all students take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

This helps students develop their independent research skills and significantly boosts their university application success.

Students receive individual support with their university applications and the majority of our students are offered places at their first choice university.

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 21st January, 7pm

Sixth Form Scholarship Examination
Friday 31st January

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Highest possible grade of 'Excellent' awarded in all areas by ISI

"The quality of pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent."

"The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent."

"Pupils show outstandingly positive attitudes towards learning."

"Pupils are notably self-assured and self-confident in their approach to school life."

ISI Inspection 2017

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